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# Death at dawn: the fatal gesture of an IRA man

Christopher Elliott, Owen **Bowcott** and Martin Wainwright unravel details of the police anti-terror operation in west London

IARMUID O'Neill, the 27year-old IRA suspect, was shot dead through a gap in the doorway of a first floor flat in wes London by police officers who believed he was making a threstening movement, the Guardian has been told.

As an inquest into his death was opened and adjourned resterday, more details of the events leading up to the hooting emerged. by two officers from Scotland Yard's tactical firearms

Heckler and Koch sub machine gims, fired from inside the building as they crouched in the hallway outside the flat in a house at Gleathorne Road, Hammersmith.

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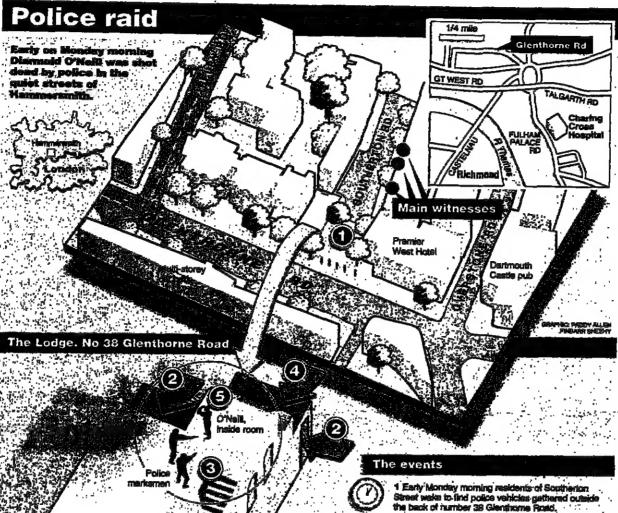
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Only evidence of identification was released during the 20-minute hearing at Hammersmith coroner's court yesterday. The official investigation into the death is being supervised by the Police Complaints Authority.

police sources say the raid, one of three carried out simultaneously just after 4am on Monday, was aimed at arresting three suspects. After armed police stormed the Victorian terrace house - a fourstorey former bed and breakfast hostel known as The Lodge — using 30 ft folding ladders, they successfully brought out two of the sus-pects, handcuffed but

As they were preparing to enter the rear first floor room where O'Neill was staying, just after 4.30am, it is understood that another occupant flat and asked the officers



Discreted O'Neill

for some minutes before other policemen on a wall behind the end of terrace house and on ladders placed up against the building outside fired CS gas through windows of the

FIRST FLOOR

Some minutes later O'Neill opened the door partially and eyewitnesses say they heard police calling: "Drop it! Drop

out with your arms up". "First of all they were kick-ing a door down at the back, then there was a lot of running and shouting," Ms Dal-ton said. "Then we saw offi-

cars wearing gas masks.
"We were looking out when we heard the shooting. None

"armed police" and "come | ing movement and was shot | house, apparent evidence of six times. Paramedics from the London Ambulance Ser-vice, on standby at the scene, treated O'Neill, who was pronounced dead at 5.25 am. whether at the scene or at Charing Cross hospital, is not

clear.

the body having been dragged Gerry Adams, the Sinn

2 Police storm the four-storey house using folding inciders. They bring out two suspects in handculls.

3 Diamuid O'Nell's room is on the first floor at the

rear of the house. As the police gather outside. enother resident suddenly appears and asks for an

explanation. O'Neil' opens the door, sees the police and immediately shuts it.

4 Police on a wait at the mar fire CS gas through the windows and in to the room, O'Nettl stays put.

5 After a period of time, and some shouting through

the door, O'Neill opens it again, just a crack. Police markemen outside interpret a sudden movement as

threatening. At this point someone is heard to shout "Drop it, drop it". O'Neit is shot six times.

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Fein president, yesterday al-leged there had been an attempt to hide the facts about the shooting, "The media was briefed

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seems to be contradicted by
photographs showing a broad
only did he not fire any shots,
but it now appears that he
didn't even have a weapon."

Leader comment, page 8



# MP warned to call off Adams meeting

ABOUR leaders threat-ened last night to withdraw the party whip from leftwinger Jeremy Corbyn (above) if he pressed ahead with a House of Commons meeting today with Sinn Pein president Gerry Adams, writes Nick Varley.

The private meeting, which the former Cabinet minister Tony Benn has raphy. Mr Adams said the timing of his visit was "not at all" insensitive, even though it comes three days after the huge IRA explo-sives find in London.

Labour's chief whip, Don-ald Dewar, said: "I wish to make it very clear that Mr Corbyn is acting on his own

"The Labour Party is not involved or associated in any way. We utterly con-demn his proposed action." A party spokesman added: "Our main hope is that the event will be called off." The meeting is due to replace a news conference with Mr Adams, which was cancelled after it was found to breach Commons rules.

MPs facing disciplins, page 4

John Bruton, the Irish prime minister, described O'Neill's death as "a matter of great sadness". But he added: "There would be a lot of other people dead if the IRA's objec-tives had been achieved in

London."
John O'Donoghue, justice man for the opposition Fianna Fail party, claimed police may have been operating a "shoot to kill" policy in the incident. "If he was shot turn to page 2, column 3

# **West Bank** riots push **Israel to** brink of war

Derek Brown in Jerusalem

of open war with the Palestinians yesterday. In scenes reminiscent of the worst of the intifada, Israeli troops shot at stone-throwers in the West Bank town of Ra-mallah. This time Palestinian police fired back with auto matic weapons as the clash degenerated into a new and

Four Palestinians were killed, including three Pales-

The Israeli troops' intervention in Ramallah, one of the Palestinian self-rule enclaves, was the first big incursion since limited self-government by the Palestine Liberation Organisation was established more than two years ago.

The worst clashes since the

start of self-rule erupted after widespread protests about Is-rael's latest move to underline its exclusive control of Jerusalem: the reopening to tourists of an entrance to an ancient funnel near the most revered mosque in the Holy

-Palestinians say the tunnel could undermine the Haram al-Sharif, on which stand the

come the focus for Palestinian frustration with a peace pro-cess which has halted since the May 29 election of a right-wing Likud government under Binyamin Netanyahu. In Ramallah, seven miles north of Jerusalem, hundreds

of stone-throwing youths attacked one of the Israeli checkpoints on the edge of the city. Israeli sources said troops used rubber bullets and tear gas, and resorted to live ammunition when they came under fire.

Palestinian and other wit-

opened fire only when the Israeli troops started to shoot

One witness described how man in civilian clothes, who described himself as a mem-ber of the Palestinian president Yasser Arafat's elite Force 17, pulled out a pistol and fired wildly in the direc tion of the Israelis.

The crowd seemed oyed when their soldie finally started shooting. Sor them to shoot." he said.

The vicious exchange laster at least 90 minutes before ne Palestinian forces arrive crowd. The Israeli forces wer also apparently under order

But by that time a gapin wound had opened in the fragile facade of peace.

In Gaza, Mr Arafat talka with his usual understament of a "big crisis" betwee the Israelis and the Palest ians. The Palestinian cabin minister Hanan Ashraw speaking after visiting wounded in hospital, w

there is no other word for it At Mr Arafat's urging, t 22-nation Arab League w: meet in Cairo today to discus the implications of the Jeru

Many Arab 20vernments have already indicated their outrage at Israel's latest uni-lateral action. Even Crown rael's closest and favourite ally in the region, described the move yesterday as "a provocation to Arab and Muslim feelings around the

world" Mr Netanyahu's government has blamed the self-rule Palestinian Authority for stirring up passions.

Arab League railles behind Palestinian and other witnesses said PLO forces comment, page 7; Leader

# A TRUE STORY THAT NEVER HAPPENED

# £500,000 hurdle for duchess in Bryan book fight

We look forward to seeing her in court, says publisher of 'explosive account' stalled by injunction

Kamel Ahmed

HE Duchess of York, who is reported to have debts totalling more than £1 million, has been or-dered to lodge £500,000 with a court as part of her attempt to

any damages that might be won by the publishers of the book, Fergie: Her Secret Life, by former close friend Allan Starkie. The book has been halted by an injunction lodged by the duchess. Mr Justice Astill agreed

after a four-day hearing in be made to have the injunc-private, prevents publication tion lifted.

"The judge has asked her to Dr Starkie's involvement in the duchess's affairs. He was once a business partner of Mr

Bryan.
Dr Starkie signed a deal last month with Michael O'Mara dered to lodge 2500,000 with a court as part of her attempt to block the publication of a should be continued and a book detailing her relationship with John Bryan.

The money is security for prospect of giving evidence at of her relationship."

Industrial agreed books, which published Disposes, which published Disposes, which published Disposes, which published Disposes that the injunction and a kie's book has been described by Mr O'Mara as an "explosive account of every element of her relationship".

"The judge has asked her to provide 2500,000 to compensate me for damages in the event of her losing the case." Mr O'Mara said. "We are assuming the duchess will be called to give evidence in the case and we

look forward to seeing her there."

He said he expected the duchess would have to answer "a lot of questions as well, have an interest in line duch.

that hearing, where she is likely to be questioned closely about her private life.

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Jonathan Coad, of the duchess's solicitors, Schilling and Lom, said he had "absolutely at this stage no idea" whether the duchess seeking an injunction ess seeking an injunction was so that her own memoirs, due to be published next month, would have "a clear run" into

the vital Christmas selling period.
"She is publishing her own

One source of the money could be American publishers Simon & Schuster, which has signed a £1 million contract

memoirs. signed a lucrative deal with the magazine Paris-Match for series of celebrity

**World News** bracing himself to aght off the US veto on his second term of office.

Finance The Prudential Britain's biggest life insurer, is spending £70m ona move into retail banking, including personal visits.

Arsenal were tipped out of the UEFA cup by Borussia Moenchengladbach. Despite a two-goal comeback, they lost 3-2 in Cologne.

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# Sketch

# Rolling in the aisles with hate



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N THEIR own quiet way. Liberal Democrats are excellent haters. They hate the Tory government, they hate many of their own mem-bers, but most of all they hate Jack Straw.

Actually, they hate most people in the Labour Party. I popped along to the confer-ence revue. There were abusive jokes about various Liberals ("He fought Kettering at the last election. Kettering won"). But the real venom was for the Labour Party and its members.

There was a song about an apostate ("What a wanker, Roger Liddle" was part of the witty chorus) and lots and lots of rude stuff about Jack Straw. "To get homeless children off the streets, New Labour has made a private partnership— with the Brazilian police." "Jack Straw wants nothing to do with wet, well-meaning do-gooders — like Michael

Every mention of Mr Straw lls forth hissing and boos. ru don't need a reason. If a eech is going badly, whether s on the law of the sea or the J cucumber regime, all you sed to pep it up is to shout and as for Jack Straw..." ne jeers will last for ages.
I went along to a fringe seeting called "Why we don't rant to get into bed with abour." It was addressed by ony Greaves, a councillor om Pendle, Lancs, who has sen coming to Liberal confer nces since around the time of adstone. Mr Greaves is a orld-class hater. If there was ransfer market for haters, would be Alan Shearer. He has hated me for at least years, though I can't think

y, since it wasn't me who

ote that — with his bald alp and bushy beard — Mr

eaves looks as if his head

s been put on upside down. By contrast, I am rather

and of him, and thought he nade a good speech yester-

day, in which he pointed out that the Liberal Democrats were now well to the left of New Labour, a party which he reviled with relish and at

length.
"What do you expect from
the Labour Party? They will
always let you down and then
they stab you in the back, because that is their nature. "The first rule for anyone

working with the Labour Party is: 'Never trust the bug-gers!' " (Loud and prolonged applause, as they used to say in reports of Communist congresses).
"The Labour Party is the party of rightwing opportun-

party of rightwing opportunism! It is the dictatorship of the secretariat, half a dozen people in Blair's office!
Labour members are pig sick, seeing everything they believe in being ratted on!" (Very loud and very prolonged applause).
"And Jack Straw!" (Loud

and prolonged hissing.) Mr Ashdown has high hopes that he will be invited to join a Labour administration, even if Mr Blair has a clear majority. I don't suppose he will lose any sleep worrying about what Mr Greaves thinks, but he should be warned that, this time next year, when he is attacked for selling out to rightwing gau-leiters such as Jack Straw. somewhere in the hall there will be loud and prolonged

applause. Later, we went to the prom to watch John Cleese, an active Liberal Democrat, unveil a new campaign poster. The man who sings anti-smok ing songs was there. On Mon-day he had got into a fist fight with a spin doctor. Would be take on the famously tall

comic? Mr Cleese was late. The minstrel sang, making Bob Dylan sound like a nightin-gale: "John Brown's body lies a-mouldering in the grave/And he ain't gonna smoke no more.

Someone said John would be along in a moment. "I want to sing a little song about the treachery of the BBC," said the guitarist. "Now there's Embassy snooker and Roth-

man's rugby union . . ." John Cleese finally arrived The guitarist pushed forward. We held our breath. But Cleese was brilliant. He shook him warmly by the hand and he wasn't any bother at all.

As doubts persist about Yeltsin's ability to continue as leader, with the news that he will have to spend the next four months in hospital, Russian politicians are lining up to fill the power vacuum. The leading contenders are...



Surgeons Michael DeBakey (left) from the United States and Professor Renat Akchurin offer their assessment

PHOTOGRAPH: DAVID BRAUCHL



VIKTOR CHERNO-MYRDIN, the prime minister, aged 58, is in pole position as he becomes acting head of state when Borts Yeltsin goes under the surgeon's knife. He has pleased the IMF by keeping tight reins on spending. But he is never the master of his government whose key members are chosen by others closer to the

president.



ALEXANDER LEBED, secretary of the Secu-rity Council, aged 46, is the stormtrooper of Russian politics. In an open electoral contest, he would smash Mr Chernomyrdin with his swashbuckling nationalism. His peace-making in Chechenia has made many enemies in Moscow, but he has a power ful ally in Alexander Korzhakov, the former presidential bodyguard.



GENNADY ZYUG-ANOV, aged 52, a conservative critic of Mikhail Gorbachev, has rebuilt the Communist Party after the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1992 into the largest single force in the Duma (parliament). He personally commands 30 million votes. But the pragmatic Communist leader could only win power as part of an



ANATOLY CHUBAIS, a free market economist from St Petersburg, aged 42, masterminded the biggest and quickest sell-off of state assets in history. He is an excellent administrator and remains faithful to Mr Yeltsin despite being sacked and insulted by him. He financed Mr Yeltsin's electoral campaign and was rewarded with post of chief of



YURI LUZKHOV, the popular Moscow mayor. aged 60, has been busy building, when everything around him has been collapsing. Keen to redefine the boundaries of his empire, by "spon-soring" his own helicopter carrier in the Black Sea Fleet and claiming Sevastopol in Ukraine as part of Russia. The only game he allows himself to lose is football, and that rarely.



VLADIMIR ZHIRIN-OVSKY, aged 50, is the enfant terrible of Russian nationalism whose stunts are beginning to wear thin. The leader of the misnamed Liberal Democrats is being eclipsed by General Alexander Lebed. However, he will go down in history as the man who promised that Russian soldiers would wash their feet in the Indian Ocean.

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### Review

# Bubbly at the Ritz and all that jazz

Lanie Goodman Scott Fitzgerald anniversary The Ritz, Paris

OR the past two days the rich and famous have been sipping champagne cocktails in the salons of Van Cleef and Arpels at the Place andome in Paris, ogling the a dazzling 200-carat as, sav, a small

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as did opulent rituals. Scorn-ing his wealthy painter friend, Gerald Murphy (initially the

model for Dick Diver in

Tender is the Night), the writer sabotaged his host's caviar-and-champagne party by lobbing ashtrays at guests; at another of Murphy's lavish Riviera dinners, Scott hurled a sorbet-sodden fig at the bare back of Princess de Caraman-Chimay then began smashing wineglasses until he was asked to leave. "He really had the most appalling sense of hu-

well, trashy," Murphy told his The legendary Ritz bar, scene of countless outrageous escapades, figures in several of Fitzgerald's semi-autobiographical works of the 30s, but the place has lost its glitter, evoking only nightmarish

nemories of empty frivolity uring those "crazy years". "y was," Gertrude Stein d, but Fitzgerald's expato France had little to modernist theories, everyday cultural tidhaving unwittingly

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David Hearst in Moscow ■OP heart surgeons said yesterday they

could operate safely on President Boris Yeltsin and he stood a good chance of making a complete recovery. But the medical team made it clear that Russia would be without the fulltime services of its head of state until early next year at The sting in the tail of a

generally upbeat medical prognosis by the doctors in Moscow was that Mr Yeltsin

to 10 weeks waiting for a tri ple or quadruple heart bypass and at least two months' convalescence.

shadow on upbeat prognosis

The announcement, after morning examination by a medical team that included the American cardiologist Michael DeBakey, means Mr Yeltsin can argue that he is not a lame duck president and can and will return to the political stage. In the interim, Viktor Cher-

nomyrdin, the prime minis-ter, will run the country. "After reviewing all the

facts I am pleased to say that the operation is needed, that would have to spend the next it shall provide excellent that the operation would have four months in hospital — up results. After the operation, to be postponed or cancelled.

Lengthy convalescence casts | the president will soon be restored to normal," Mr Deshadow on upbeat prognosis | But he described Mr Yelf-

Medical sting for Yeltsin

sin's heart as "damaged", say-ing the seriousness of the June or early July, during his election campaign, was not yet clear. Mr DeBakey said Mr Yeltsin had recently suffered from internal bleeding and must remain in hospital under close medical supervision until his operation.

Professor Renat Akchurin, the heart surgeon who will carry out the bypass, said he could almost guarantee survival if Mr Yeltsin has his operation in six to 10 weeks.

Five days ago he set off alarm bells by revealing that Mr Yeltsin had had a heart attack in July and suggesting

The political crisis over Mr secretary of the Security Council whom Mr Yeltsin named as a future successor myrdin, saying the Russian army was on the verge of mutiny, likening it to the Tsarist army before the Bolshevik

uprising. He accused the government of "hiding its head its the sand", underestimating ten-sion in the army where the suicide rate of soldiers and officers is rising. He warned that the troops would take their own retribution.

Teople serving in the army conserved rather high professional skills. Maybe they are not enough to win in world wars, but they are definitely enough to cut the throats of all lambs, no problem."

She couldn't say no to Wicksy, she couldn't say no to Tricky Dicky, she couldn't say no to Matt, she couldn't say no to David Wicks. So. find out in this week's Radio Times

> Radiolimes IT'S NOT WHAT YOU EXPECT.

why she's saying no to any more Eastendors.

# Blair warned on 'cliques'

Michael White

Labour front benchers today warn Tony Blair to treat party ctivists as "mature adults with a role to play in policymaking in government if they win the general election. Mischievously invoking the Blairite language of a "stake-holding party", Peter Hain and Derek Fatchett also point out that private sector compa-

nies which are always being held up as good examples to Labour have created a more open and participatory man-agement style in recent years.

private sector is applying em-bryonic socialist ideals, the Labour Party becomes more centralised and cliquish, they write with fellow MP Jean Corston in an article for the New Statesman.

Admitting the troubles which bedevilled the last Labour government's relations with its increasingly leftwing party in the 1970s, the three authors say that government often "treated party members with contempt, while the party saw the government as the enemy

The call by the MPs for stronger institutional links. "It would be a cruel irony including new regional policy indeed if at the very time the forums to exchange ideas

lar meetings between those ministers and backbench MPs, are the kind of ideas under study by a review team

But there is no mistaking the waspish impatience with some aspects of the Blairite

A participatory approach — one of mutual trust — would leave "leaks, bouncing of policy, briefings and counter-briefings between colleagues [as] unnecessary, damaging and part of the old politics,"

Last night, Mr Blair's office described the article as "a welcome contribution to the

# Fatal gesture that led to death of IRA man

continued from page 1 dead by the British police and they knew he was unarmed," Mr O'Donoghue said, "then it must be clear that there are very serious questions to be answered by the authorities in Great Britain. No man has the right to act as judge, jury

Intelligence sources in London insist that O'Neill's links with the republican move ment had been well estab lished over the past five years. They also claim that he was under surveillance for weeks in connection with the Hornsey Vale arms cache he-

Hammersmith residents said O'Neill had been working in the basement of The Lodge in the week before his death.

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Mike Bennett of the Police Federation countered Mr Adams's remarks last night.
"The death is to be totally regretted but officers didn't set out to kill this man," he briefed some hours before on what to expect when they

said. "People should be proud that officers are prepared to undertake this kind of daneerous work." He said the two officers involved, who have had their firearms authorisation cards suspended as a matter of rou-tine while the investigation is

carried out, were yesterday bearing up well. "They were seen by one of our lawyers within half an hour of it happening. Specialist firearms officers are trained to fire two shots quickly at the main trunk of a suspect if they believe their lives are in danger. They are

not trained to wound but to

went to arrest the men. This is the first time an IRA suspect has been shot dead on the mainland. In the past the IRA have opened fire on police when stopped, notably at Stoke

Newington when an officer was shot twice when he stopped a van carrying a one ton bomb three years ago and again at Warrington when shots were fired by an IRA gang during an attack on a

One senior officer said last night: "We aim to 'house' [contain and arrest them in a house] now, so the damage is

# Major to give evidence in Guardian court case

**Vivek Chaudhary** 

OHN Major is set to be-come the first Prime Minister to give evidence in court after his office said last night it will not challenge a subpoena issued against him by the Guardian. Mr Major has been asked to

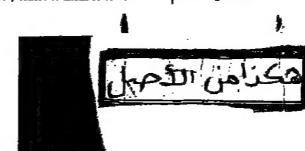
appear as a witness in the libel case brought against the Guardian by Neil Hamilton, the former trade and industry minister, and political lobby-ist Ian Greer. The case is due to begin next week. A spokesman for Mr Ma-

A spokesman for mr. ma-jor's office said: "There's no question of a challenge from the Prime Minister. He has indicated that he's willing to give evidence if necessary. Our solicitors will be presenting documents in court today which are relevant.

The documents will be pre-

sented on behalf of all ministers involved but if the Prime Minister is asked to give evidence then he will do so." Subpoenas have also been issued against the deputy prime minister, Michael Heseltine, the cabinet secre-tary, Sir Robin Butler, the for-

mer Tory chief whip, Richard Ryder, and Tory party chair-man, Brian Mawhinney. The case stems from reports in the Guardian in October 1994 that Tory MPs Neil Hamilton and Tim Smith received payment in return for asking parliamentary questions. Mr Hamilton and Mr Greer deny



THE CHARTIES

IMF staff asserts that in Brit-ain "the recent economic slowdown has been much less severe than in Germany and

severe than in Germany and France" and although inflation has been running slightly above target "it is expected to drop below the ceiling by early 1997" — just in time for the election.

Looking ahead, the IMF's

chief economist Michael Mussa said in Washington

yesterday that a modest inter-

est rate increase might be

necessary given the improve-

ment in consumer spending and confidence, although he

made it clear there was no

urgency.
The IMF seemed more con-

cerned about budgetary policy, which might make the build-up to November's budget that much more difficult for the Chancellor, although it could strenghten Mr

wage claims from public sec-

Chancellor set

to steer Tories

into election with

prospect for years

tor workers and pre-election cash demands from spending ministries.
The fund warned that "fi-

nancial market confidence

and long-term interest rates' could be adversely affected it

attention is not paid to the failure of the public sector borrowing requirement to

Like the Chancellor, the IMF was confident that Euro-

pean monetary union is be-coming more achievable and

ward at the Dublin summit last weekend. The IMF fore-

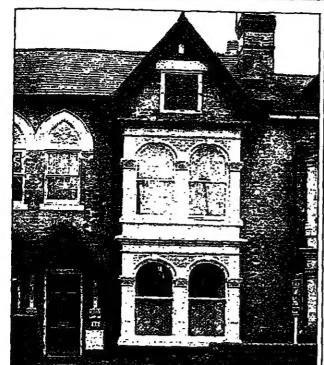
cast that rising growth across the EU — it should expand by .5 per cent next year against

the problem of meeting the Maastricht criteria.

shrink sufficiently.

best economic

# Estate agents agree tide has turned as capital house prices pass 1980s benchmark



BIRMINGHAM: Trafalgar Road, Moseley. Five-bedroom, traditional-style terraced house, bay windows. Price: £96,500 Accommodation: Vestibule, hall, lounge 16.3

x 14, dining room 16 x 12. cellar, kitchen 12 x 10, bathroom, five bedrooms. Location: Pleasant suburb. Garden: Front and



SCOTLAND: Strather- | 17'2 x 7'5, widening to rick Road, Inverness. Five-bedroom detached house, built in 1966 and | bathroom, garage. enlarged in 1980s. Price: £105,000 Accommodation: Ves- | Garden: Front and

14'6. Lounge 19'10 x 11'7, kitchen, five bedrooms. Location: Sought-after residential area.



Five rooms at the top, cheek by jowl with the A40(M)

Street, W2. Unmodernised twobedroom maisonette, available for immediate occupancy, above an empty shop.

bedrooms, bathroom, one reception room 15 x 13'5, kitchen/breakfast room 14 x 9'5. Location: In an en-

clave of terraced properties, adjoining the

on the A40(M). Very short stroll to Edgware Road tube station and not much further to Paddington. Garden: none.

£66,372 to £71,529, in Hert-fordshire from £87,460 to £92,087, and in Surrey from £111,269 to £115,290. In Cumbria, North Yorkshire, Gwynedd and the Isle of Wight release have drauged

age London house price last | are getting better."

# **IMF** vote of confidence of the international financial community. In its wide-ranging assess-ment of the UK economy, the

Clarke wins

HANCELLOR Ken-neth Clarke's stewardship of the British economy was last night singled out for high praise by no less an authority than the International Mone-tary Fund.

It said that under Mr Clarke's leadership the United Kingdom achieved "above trend" growth com-pared to that of its European partners and had made a start in reducing structural unemployment rates — an achieve-ment only shared with the United States among the big-gest seven industrial

countries.

If Mr Clarke is about to withstand the current politi-cal onslaught from the Euro-sceptics he will have the opportunity to steer the Tories into the election with the best economic prospect for many

The IMF forecasts that the economy will pick-up speed this year and next. Britain's 2.2 per cent expansion this year and 3 per cent in 1997 will mean that the UK economy is the fastest growing among the big European economies with unemployment shrinking to 7.3 per cent next year, making it the low-est among the G7 apart from the United States. Moreover, the IMF staff be

lieve that this high growth can largely be achieved with-out breaching the Govern-ment's 2.5 per cent inflation cetting

In fact, if policy is kept on current course, inflation will fall next year to 2.3 per cent despite higher output growth and lower levels of

unemployment.

The only problem on the horizon pointed out by the IMF economists is the higher than expected levels of gov ernment borrowing largely as a result of revenue shortfalls. The fund recommends that

some "corrective measures" on the budget will be needed to put the public finances back into balance over the medium term. It does warn Mr Clarke against introducing "signifi-cant tax cuts" before the general election - but the care-

It applauded the Dublin de cision by finance ministers. including Mr Clarke, to put in soared by 17.7 per cent. Wight, prices have dropped. tained recovery in the housreflecting the fact that the market is strongest amongst first-time buyers.
The statistics carry auThe statistic place the stability pact which would foster "greater fiscal discipline."

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# Nationwide: What you get for £100,00



Hanks said no thanks, so the Pulp Fiction star will play Clinton. Martin Walker reports

S A baby-boomer disco | American primary cam-dance star who ma- paigns in 1992 has not dulled

DEVON: Miller Way, Exminster. Almost new, detached four-bedroom house. Price: £107,950.

Accommodation: Hall, cloakroom, sitting room, dining room, fit-

dance star who matured into a movie con-

tract hit-man and southern hoodlum, John Travolta may

be inspired casting to play the role of Bill Clinton in the forthcoming film of Primary

Colors, the best-selling novel about the 1992 presidential

For a reputed \$15 million (£10 million), the former star of Saturday Night Fever, Pulp Fiction and Get Shorty is

being signed to star alongside

Emma Thompson, who will play Hillary Clinton in a radi-cal departure from the British

actress's latest Oscar-winning

The director, Mike Nichols,

bought the film rights to the hit novel when its author was

still officially anonymous.

And the admission by Joe

Klein, the Newsweek maga-

zine columnist, that he was the author of the thinly-veiled

account of the Clintons in the

venture into Jane Austen.

ted kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, four bedrooms, garage. Location: Housing development convenient for Exeter.

Garden: South-facing

Hollywood's enthusiasm for the project.

The publicity keeps on com-

ing, with the original choice for the Clinton role, Oscar-

winning Tom Hanks, for-

mally denying yesterday that he turned it down at the

friendly request of the White

"I have met the president

and I am voting for him, but that's different from being friends," Mr Hanks said yes-terday. "I pulled out because my 1997 filming schedule is full," he added, not because Mr Clinter folk he may ween

Mr Clinton felt he was wrong

for the part.
The film of the book of the

political campaign is making the white House nervous,

because of the shameless

philandering of the southern governor, Jack Stanton, and his foul-mouthed and ruthless

Travolta lands Primary role

lawned gardens.

NYWHERE else in the country, a pro-spective buyer might assume the cost of a desirable London residence included a patio paved with gold. They would, of course, be lucky to get anything better than concrete and a fishpond.

The average price of a London pad, which range from garret-like studio flats to mansions, has risen to more than £100,000, the quarterly figures from HM Land Registry revealed yesterday. Only in stockbroker Surrey, where the conservatory and double garage are de rigueur. will bricks and mortar cost you more, at an average £115,290.

The figures support the claims of estate agencies and mortgage lenders that house prices are steadily rising. Average prices ecross England and Wales for all types of property are up over the last quarter — detached houses by 1.77 page detached houses by 1.77 per | South-east. In Gloucester-cent (and by 3.77 per cent shire prices rose from

£10m as Clinton lookalike

the millions of American

movie-goers, even in the secu-

rity of a second term.

The casting race is still on

for the narrator and star of the novel, the young black

political strategist who is

modelled on George Stephan-opoulos, Mr Clinton's politi-

Having already been por-

John Travolta . . . will make Bill Clinton . . . upset by £10m as Clinton lookalike image as philanderer

tached by 2.21 per cent, ter-raced houses by 2.15 per cent, and flats and maison-ettes by 6.35 per cent. New flats and maisonettes have

thority because they are a breakdown of all bouse sales from April to June 1996, of which the Registry has by law to be notified. The average house in

Greater London now costs £101,316, compared with £96,061 in January to March. For the first time, the prices are broken down by borough, revealing that the biggest recovery was in Lambeth (up 18 per cent).

the country, buyers get sub-stantially more for their money. The average cost of a house across England and Wales has risen from

£67,077 to £69,937. Most of the regions with rising prices were in the

trayed by Michael J. Fox in the film The American Presi-

dent, Mr Stephanopoulos is taking a keen interest in his

next incarnation.
Hollywood rumour says

that Will Smith, star of the television series, The Fresh

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blockbuster film, Indepen-

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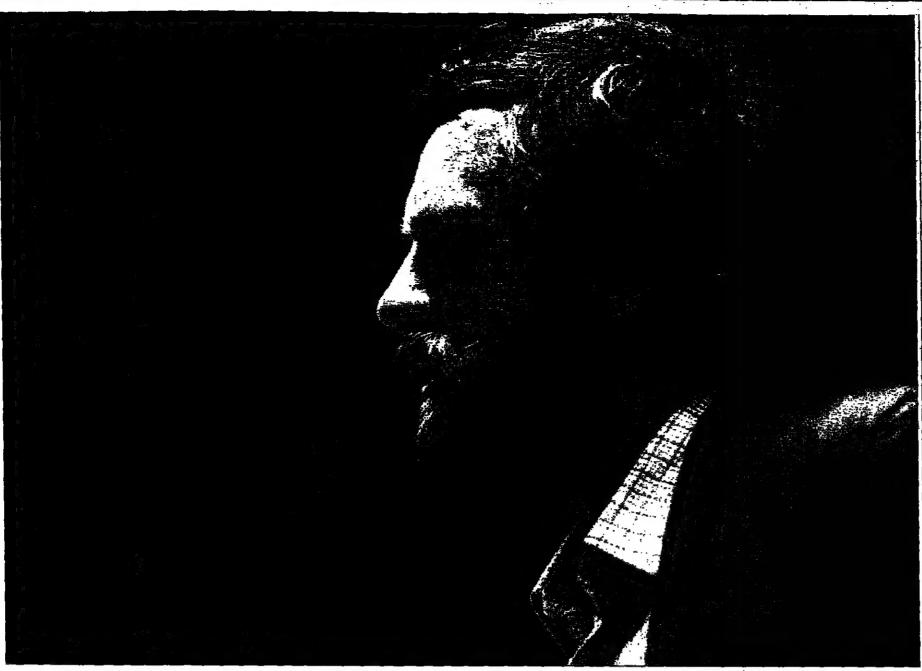
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# London seizure of IRA explosives fails to dent leftwinger's determination to welcome Sinn Fein leader to Commons



Jeremy Corbyn, the leftwing politician who will make Pramier Blair's life hard, after earlier signs that he might be coming to terms with New Labour

# MP facing discipline over Adams

ERRY Adams will nake his controverthis morning, despite this week's huge seizure of IRA explosives in London and Tony Blair's threat to discipline the leftwing MP who invifed him.

The Sinn Fein president will stage a symbolic meeting with Jeremy Corbyn, MP for Islington North, in a Commons committee room before going on to the Camden Irish Centre to launch his book of nemoirs which was the centre of controversy even before IRA suspect Diarmuid O'Neill, was shot dead by police on Monday.

After yesterday's shadow cabinet meeting unanimously backed Mr Blair's call for Mr Corbyn to withdraw his invi-Donald Dewar, issued a sharp statement saying the MP "is acting on his own behalf and must take responsibility for so doing".
The former cabinet minis-

tar Tony Benn will also at-tend the meeting, and Mr Cor-byn said Ken Livingstone had signalled support. He said he would not be backing down and that the Serjeant at Arms had reluctantly accepted the

"It should not be a dispute within the Labour Party

Sim Fein to press for a cease-fire. I do not want to get into a said. He plans to urge Mr Ad-ains to press for a renewed ceasefire and peace talks, and fears that rebuff for such talks will strengthen Sinn Fein/IRA hardliners.

Outraged MPs, Labour as well as Tory, thought otherwise about what is widely seen as an ill-judged publicity stunt intended to embarrass. the Government until the IRA

arms find intruded.
"The Labour Party involved or associated in any way. We unterly condemn his proposed action. If he persists it will be a matter for disciplinary action," Mr Dewar said. That was being inter-preted as a New Labour return to the 1950s and 1960s. when troublesome MPs lost

the party whip.
That would mean an MP could not stand as a Labour candidate, an almost inconceivable move so close to an

election. Mr Corbyn says today's meeting will not include a press conference, though Sinn Fein sources say he will talk to reporters on the pave-

The Labour chairman of the Commons administration committee, Michael Martin, said: "Unfortunately, there is nothing in the rules of the House to prevent my col-league Jeremy Corbyn from having a meeting with this man who is the flunkey and

# Two MPs for price of one in gentle firebrand Corbyn

N JEREMY Corbyn, voters at the unfashionable end of Islington really have two MPs for the price of one. First there is their hard-working, snimal-loving, constituency member with his beard and weakness for brightly coloured jackets; a softspoken family man.

But there is a second Jeremy Corbyn sitting on a Labour majority of 12,784 in Islington North. Not only is be very left wing by Blairite standards, he is pretty star-tling by those of the Cam-paign Group of which he is a lum<u>inary</u>

From American imperialism in Nicaragua and Chile, through the Gulf war, the Maastricht bill, Neil Kinnock's fight against Militant, non-payment of the poll tax and anti-poverty campaigning, the former union researcher has been on the

As the world was again reminded yesterday when the shadow cabinet voted — angrily and unanimously - to condemn his invitation to

In 1988 he organised a Com- huntsmen. No sentimental

mons visit for the Sinn Fein leader, who had recently been elected MP for West Belfast. He could have entered the Though he is less effective a He could have entered the Palace of Westminster unaided, had he not been com-mitted to Sinn Fein's historic

boycott.
Why does Corbyn do it? To shock the respectable middle class from which he springs? To outlest his fellow leftists? Colleagues are bemused. "He can be so nice," one said yes-terday, "but when he thinks

'He is an infuriating throwback in an era of professional politicians'

he's right about something important he becomes a dif-

one political analyst called him "the most Trotskyite of all the Labour leftwingers". Idealistic or naive, he has backed Militant Tendency and Communist Party came. and Communist Party campaigns. He is as much an endan-

Gerry Adams, he is also a big Troops Out man in Northern Ireland. gered species as the badgers, deer and other wildlife he tries so hard to protect from

campaigner than some awkward squad MPs, Mr Corbyn has had his successes. To the annoyance of his Tory detractors he was, for instance, the first MP to make a fuss about sing of Kurdish villages in 1968, when the Iraqi leader was still the West's regional ally. Lame excuses to the Scott arms to Iraq inquiry that the nature of the regime was not understood, cut little

period when he seemed to be signalling a willingness to come to terms with Blairism. If so, that phase is over. Mr Corbyn will make Premier Blair's life hard.

There may be another pro-saic reason why Mr Corbyn's hard left portfolio includes a brief for a united Ireland. Is-lington North, where he beat the SDF defector Michael O'Halloran in 1983, is full of O'halioran in 1993, is full of Irish immigrants, along with Turks, Cypriots and Blairite modernisers who may one day threaten his power base. In a pragmatic era of smooth professional politicians he is a colourful but infinisting throwbach.

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# **Tory centre-left claims** 100 backbenchers

Michael White

ENTRE-LEFT Tories last night claimed the support of 10 cabinet ministers and up to 100 back-bench MPs in their new campaign to prevent Conserva-tive Eurosceptics from ditching the Cabinet's compromise policy on the single currency. The claim to far greater

strength than their rivals credit them came at the end of a one-day "Conservative mainstream" conference at which the former foreign secretary, Douglas Hurd, at-tacked the right's agenda on Europe and tax cuts.

With the row subsiding over calls for the dismissal of

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attended the Westminster | the frontman for what is pro-conference, with the ardent jected as the centre-left's pro-European John Gummer. fightback, intended to help the Environment Secretary. John Major resist Euroscep-

addressing a private session.
Organisers of the conference, an umbrella group for centre-left bodies such as the Tory Reform Group, said that more than 50 MPs had attended and 50 more sent messages of support. That claim will surprise sceptics more than the assertion that 10 cabinet ministers also back

their stance. Taken with 30 junior ministers, that is half the "payroll vote", not counting peers and MEPs. Along with Mr Gummer, Nicholas Soames, Robin Squire and lan Taylor put their heads above the parapet yesterday - together with a clutch of former ministers in-Kenneth Clarke, the Chancel cluding David Hunt. lor, four current ministers | It was left to Mr Hurd to be

tic pressure to rule out Brit-ish membership of a single currency for all time, for the lifetime of the new 1997-2002 parliament or — in the latest version - in the "first wave" Claiming he had never been claiming ne nad never oven an advocate of a single cur-rency, Mr Hurd said the com-plex arguments on both sides had been over-politicised by the "poisoned and prejudiced nature of much of the debate"

in the Tory press. The conspiratorial atmo claims to want to reform European Union institutions rather than destroy them, Mr Hurd warned. "In this context the Cabinet is clearly right in its decision to keep open the option which the Prime Minster negotiated for us on the

"It would be foolish now to say that we would not join. No one now can tell where the interests of Britain will lie in

single currency

five or six years' time,"
Mr Hurd also attacked rightwing pressure on Mr Clarke to cut spending and in-come tax ahead of election day. "I do not believe that elections can be won by reducing income tax against a background of sacked teachers or closed hospital wards, he said in an implicit attack on John Redwood's calls for £5 billion of cuts.



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### **News in brief**

# **Howard 'may outlaw** stalking before poll'

MICHAEL Howard, the Home Secretary, said yesterday that MICHAEL noward, the nome Serretary, said yesterday that legislation to outlaw stalking could be introduced before the next general election. Following a speech to the annual conference of the Police Superintendents' Association of England and Wales, he said he hoped the legislation could be in place by next

May.
On Tuesday, a judge called for urgent legislation against stalking after Clarence Morris was convicted of harassing

Perry Southall on 200 occasions.

Mr Howard said the Government was still looking at the results of a consultation exercise following concerns about stalking. Earlier, on Radio 4's Today programme, he said: "We are looking at the responses received and I very much hope it will be possible for us to go forward and put these responses on the statute book." — Vivek Chaudhary
How to stop stalkers? page 9

# Doctors call for 50pc pay rise

DOCTORS are calling for a pay rise of more than 50 per cent. The British Medical Association says in evidence to the profession's pay review body that its members need increases "averaging 53 per cent" next year to restore them to the place they occupied in

the earnings league in 1980.

The call follows demands by nurses for a "substantial" rise, defined by some as 14 per cent, and by therapists for a 17.5-per-cent increase in starting salaries. Sandy Macara, BMA chairman, said: "Doctors inday feel undervalued and for too long the Government has been blatantly exploiting the goodwill of staff in the NHS." A 53-per-cent rise would give a GP an increase of £23,728 and a top-of-scale hospital consultant an extra £28,848 on basic rates. — Dovid Brindle

### TV rape scene 'voyeuristic'

CARLTON Television was criticised yesterday by the Broadcasting Standards Council for an "ill-judged and voyeuristic" rape scene in its regional drama series, London Bridge. It said: "The actual build-up to the scene, including the undressing, close-ups and then the protracted length and gratuitous detail of the rape came itself want bound accordable boundaries away for a postscene itself, went beyond acceptable boundaries even for a post-watershed adult drama series." The ITV company will be required to broadcast a summary of the finding on air. Cariton said the programme had handled the issue of "date rape" responsibly and appropriately.

The council upheld a complaint that children had been included in a studio audience debating gay parenting on BBC1's Kilroy. It said the questioning exploited some younger children and went beyond acceptable limits. — Andrew Culf

# Gypsy loses caravan fight

A GYPSY yesterday lost the final stage of an eight-year legal battle to keep her family's three caravans on land she owns. June Buckley, who lost her case in the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg, was warned that she now faces prosecution and eviction by South Cambridgeshire district council.

In what was widely regarded as a test case over gypsies' rights to live on their own land, Mrs Buckley had appealed against her local council's refusal to grant planning permission for her family to live in the caravans on land she bought in 1968 in Willingham, Cambridgeshire, But the Strasbourg judges ruled by six to three that the council's refusal to let her stay on her land did not breach the European Convention on Human Rights. — Clare Dyer

### Sex offender escapes

POLICE were last night searching for a convicted sex offender who escaped during an escorted shopping trip in Liverpool city centre. The 36-year-old is a patient at the top security Ashworth hospital on Merseyside which houses some of Britain's most notorious criminals, including Moors murderer lan Brady. Police said that the man was not considered to be dangerous, but warned the public not to approach him.

-on top of the review announced two weeks ago following revelations that sex offenders were being allowed on trips to Rlacknool leisure beach.

# Two die in plane crash

TWO people were killed when the light aircraft they were flying crashed a short distance off the north-west coast of England yesterday. The Piper Cherokee had taken off from an RAF airfield at Woodvale near Southport, Merseyside, when it disappeared from radar screens.

Police said the bodies of the two-man crew were recovered by lifeboat. The wreckage of the plane was found overturned in 45 of water off the coastline. The two people on board were not RAF personnel and were on a test flight which was due to land back at the airfield, said coasiguards.



# Fitzroy Maclean, soldier, diplomat and adventurer, remembered

Richard Norton-Taylor

SIR Fitzroy Maciean, romantic adventurer, was remembered yesterday as a diplomat, soldier, politician, author, historian and traveller. His many facets were repre-sented in a memorial ser-vice at St George's Church in Hanover Square, central

London. Sir Fitzroy, who died in June, aged 85, is perhaps best remembered as the man who, on Churchill's personal instructions, was parachuted into Yugoslavia members of the Special Air in 1943 to make contact with Tito, leader of the our works and ways dare to

only surviving child, said in the address: "There was a magic which made him accessible to all sorts and conditions of men and women, debutantes, dromedary drovers, statesmen, top service members, partisan fighters, beautiful and clever women, the private soldier, and the shepherd

on the hills of Strachur". Yet, she added, "with all his approachability he had

was an MP for more than 40 years, he was not really a political animal.

He entered the Commons, Lady Soames recalled, as a device to be released from the Foreign Office so be could go to war after his resignation was refused. Sir Fitzroy. Churchill said later, was the only man "to use the House of Commons

as a public convenience The service included the regimental collect of the was a founder member. "O Lord", it says in part, with Tito, leader of communist-led partisans.

Lady Soames, Churchill's der special service to thee and their fellow-men in all

the world . . ." Extracts from Eastern Approaches, perhaps his best-known book, were read by Lord Jellicoe, former diplomat and politi-cian, and fellow SAS soldier.

The congregation in-cluded Princess Margaret, Princess Alexandra and Angus Ogilvy, Sir Edward Heath, Lord Whitelaw, Ian

# Police face new sex harassment row

### 23 complaints made by woman in the police for 20 years, rent sexual harrassment row, started making recordings Two police inquiries are after complaints were about to start into the £130,000 viction on the other three. inspector over 'taped taunts'

Martin Wainwright

URTHER damaging claims of sexual harassment in the police are to emerge at an industrial tribunal involving the Lincolnshire force, following the announcement

A woman inspector serving appear on the tapes. in Gainsborough is expected Ms Fleming, who

to submit taped evidence to support her tribunal claims which are being resisted by Lincolnshire police. The hearing is expected to take place later this autumn.

Inspector Dina Fleming. who has been suspended from duty since February, has laid 23 formal complaints against of an inquiry in North the force, involving remarks and taunts which allegedly

ignored by superiors. She was suspended after a tape recorder was discovered in her locker.

Compensation in the case, if Ms Fleming is successful. could top the £130,000 paid to a woman detective in North Yorkshire, which has sparked off a furore

Meanwhile, North Yorkshire police revealed that a constable was dismissed in May after disciplinary offences at Harrogate police

payment to former Detective Constable Libby Ashurst, aged 27, and the handling of an internal force probe into "bizarre initiation rites and punishments" at Harrogate

to the Home Secretary.

police station when she was based there four years ago.
A North Yorkshire spokes man confirmed that the male constable had been required to resign after four disciplinary charges had been found proven. The officer appealed The offences are under-

stood to have included sexual harassment, aithough the force denied that they were related or similar to the earlier case. Details of the ordeal suffered by Ms Ashurst have not been made public under a mutual confidentiality clause. but a psychiatrist stated she had suffered extreme distress.

The male constable has filed a complaint against North Yorkshire's chief con-stable, David Burke, whose disciplinary role will also be

pressed concern on several recent occasions, including a meeting with Mr Burke last week, that "dual standard justice" is imposing one form of discipline on senior ranks and another on junior officers.

Following the Harrogate inquiry, the then head of the town's CID, Chief Inspector Colin Hallinan, was found guilty of five out of eight disciplinary charges and fined £1,500. He has now lodged an

# British tourists turn against heartbreak hotels

**Vivek Chaudhary** 

**EAWLTY Towers-style** hotels plague the British tourist industry, but it is service with a smile that attracts customers, warns a guide published yesterday. The Which? Hotel Guide 1997 claims Britons are no

longer prepared to tolerate unfriendly, inefficient hotels, and nothing upsets them more than surly hoteliers and dirty premises.

Consumers voted cleanli-ness and attentive staff the most important aspects of a hotel, but they were also the

hardest to find Complaints listed include toenail clippings in the carpet and a pair of underpants under the bed. One prospective visitor to a hotel ex-plained that he wanted to book a room for his parents because they had spent their honeymoon at the same hotel 37 years ago. The hotelier replied: "There's no need to

get pally, just tell me what codes in many up-market you want." hotels, calling them "humili-Patricia Yates, editor of The Which? Hotel Guide, said:

'All the qualifications in the hotel if the staff don't actually enjoy looking after people. and the most simple of establishments can seem luxurious if the staff genuinely seem to want you there. The good news is that there are a great many excellent places to

stay."
The guide criticises dress

anachronistic", adding that many guests are publicly bumiliated when wearing the urong dress.

The guide also criticises the slow progress being made in the review of the Crown grading system for hotels. Talks are under way to introduce a universal system, but this is unlikely to be in place by the start of the 1997 tourist



# Warning for boozy Britons

OURISTS on all-inclusive holidays to the Caribbean have been warned that their bealth could be in danger following a survey showing that they are guzzling their way through five pints of beer, three strong cocktails, three shots of spirits and two glasses of wine every day, writes Vivek Chaudhary.

The intake amounts to more than 350 units of alcohol over the average two-week breaks, the equivalent of three months of drinking. The survey was carried out into fights as a rest by Sunset Holidays, which hol was increasing.

provides all-inclusive holidays to the Caribbean. All-inclusive holidays, where tourists pay a lump sum that includes food, drink and accommodation, have become increasingly popular. Martin Plant, director

the alcohol research group at Edinburgh University, said: People drinking these amounts are putting them-selves and other people at risk." He said the number of tourists drowning, crashing while water-skiing or getting into fights as a result of alco

Establishments of the type immortalised by John Cleese survive, but few guests are still prepared to put up with them

# Author's African memoir wins prize

Judges acclaim 'powerful' tale of witch doctors and rites of passage

Dan Glaister Arts Correspon

"HE literary awards sea son got under way last night as Peter Godwin won the £10,000 Esquire tion award for his memoir. Mukiwa. Mr Godwin was presented

with the prize at a ceremony in London by last year's winner, Eric Lomax, author of The Railway Man. The ac tress and celebrity Patsy Kensit read an extract from the

book at the ceremony.

Describing Mukiwa as "a ery powerful, moving book" Rosie Boycott, editor of Es quire magazine and chair woman of the judges, said 'After an incredibly long complex deliberation, the udges were unanimous in

their decision. The runners up on the allmale shortlist were Dermot | correspondent, he gained at | of Apple Computers.

of growing up in Rhodesia in

the 1960s and 1970s. Described by Doris Lessing as "a very good book, the best to come out of the war for indepen dence in Zimbabwe so far", it moves from a childhood of witch doctors and boarding country.
school to being drafted into school to being drafted into the Rhodesian police force.

Mr Godwin, who was short listed for the NCR Book Award for Non-Fiction in May, makes documentaries for the BBC. A former foreign

Healy. Thomas Healy, Joe tention as a journalist when Kane. Norman Lewis. Tim he went clandestinely to Matabelland in the south of Zimbahwe in the early 1980s. His revelations of the mistreatment of the minority Matabele tribes by the majority Shonas caused great embarrassment to the government of Robert Mugabe. As a result, Mr Godwin had to flee the

> writers Will Self, Hugo Williams and Andrew O'Hagan, the musician Brian Eno, the television presenter Mariella Frostrup, Martin Lee of Waterstone's and Russell Brady



Her mother, who worked in a factory, was not educated, but expected her children to do well. "She told me point blank: 'You will go to college and you're not going with a baby. You keep your little legs closed and keep your mind on your books,' " Terry McMillan, author of Waiting to Exhale



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# Grieving Germany buries murdered child

lan Traynor in Born

SMALL church in the Bavarian village of Erpach was the focus of Germany's grief and anger yesphile outrage to stun Europe. Seven-year-old Natalie Astner, who was abducted last Friday by a convicted child molester, was buried after a service at the church. An enlarged photo of the little girl, taken on her first day at chool last month, was placed in front of the church altar in this Roman Catholic village

ged 38, was receiving medical treatment after breaking down by the coffin. Natalie was abducted less than 100 yards from her the fact that Schreiner was

Natalie's father Hannes

in southern Germany.

and taken away to be sexually abused, knocked unconscious and then thrown into the River Lech, where she

A 27-year-old electrician, Armin Schreiner, is in custo-dy and has confessed to the crime that has plunged Germany into mourning.
The streets of the village

have been deserted for days and, every evening this week, most of the 500 villagers have gathered at the church for a silent vigil and a special

That the suspect is a convicted child molester released early from jail on probation last year after serving twothirds of his sentence has sparked an emotional debate over leniency in child abuse

ome, put in the boot of a car | released 18 months short of

Tougher sanctions against paedophiles demanded

THE Council of Europe in | dren under 15 and barsher Strasbourg called on its | punishment for the cre-39 member states yesterday against paedophiles.

The parliamentary asadopted a resolution urging a han on sexual relations between adults and chil-

serving a four-and-a-half year jail term for sexually molest-

ing two girls aged nine and 11.

to conduct expert hearings on

how to improve child safety

ation and distribution of child pornography. The resolution also called for penalties against travel unanimously agencies organising sex tours and said police should pursue sex crimi-

also called for national legislation tightening the proba-tionary procedures for sex offenders, for the supervision of freed sex offenders and for the how to improve child safety and proceed against sex offenders. Edmund Stoiber, the 
Bavarlan prime minister, has 
demanded that the safety of 
children take precedence over 
penal arguments in favour of 
"resocialising" offenders. The

Commission urged EU govermments yesterday to set aside doubts about the body's role in fighting cross-border crime in the interests of stamping out trafficking in children and

crats, yesterday defended early release on probation for sex offenders, arguing that there would be no appreciable rise in public safety gained by keeping them inside.

According to the Federal

Statistics Office in Wiesba den, there were 4,758 sen tences handed down for sex ual offences in Germany in

missioners stressed the EU had a crucial co-ordinating role to play in combeting

the vice trade. EU countries have so far been reluctant to extend the EU's competence to women. Before a two-day fighting cross-border gathering of EU justice crime: Reuter.

> cases, the perpetrators were male and almost 40 per cent. or 1,824 cases, entailed sexual abuse of children. More than 40 per cent of the child abuse cases involved people with criminal records,

The Federal Criminal Office in Wiesbaden said

Germany last year, almost 4 per cent more than in 1994. 16,000 alleged incidences of the Nazi practice of castrating increases, a library of these allegations many of these allegations are supported by the same allegations are supported by the sa these allegations proved

figure, almost half were repeat offences and there were more than 900 cases of recidivism for the fifth time or more, although previous convictions were not always for sexual offences. Such a high repeat rate is

spurring the campaign for tougher sentencing and more restrictive probationary policies. The maximum sentence for child abuse in Germany is 10 years, but sentencing policy is generally seen as milder than in either Britain or France.

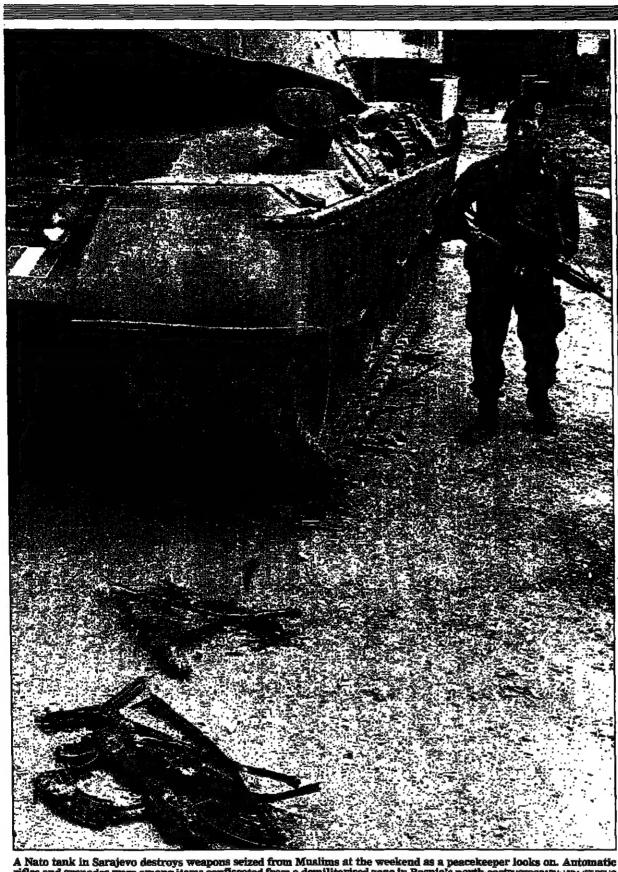
tions of sexual offences in phile scandals across Europe government officials have

"moral delinquents".

Mr Stoiber joined the federal minister for family affairs, Claudia Nolte. in declaring that chemical castration for repeat sex offenders

should be considered. But psychologists, crimi nologists, and sexologists are speaking out against chemi-cal castration, which entails a pill or injection to suppre the sex drive by curbing tes-

tosterone. Experts argue that excessive libido is not necessarily the cause of sexual abuse. They also point out that the the curbing of the sex drive can be reversed within days if the medicine is not taken at



# Tensions rise in village dispute as Bosnian Muslims stay put

Semir Arnaut in Jusici

OSNIAN Muslim refu-gees re-occupying a devastated village in Serb territory have violated the Dayton peace accord, an American general said

Nato peacekeepers want them to leave Jusici in Bosnia and apply for permission to return to their former homes, but the refugees have refused

They [the Muslims] directly violated the treaty by

must leave and process the papers to come back accord-ing to the policies laid down by Dayton and the UN High Commissioner for Refugees. That is the position of the in-ternational community."

A serious dispute loomed after about 100 Muslims, some armed, entered Jusici, east of Tuzla, on Friday. They in-clude pre-war residents of the village driven from their homes by fighting. The Nato spokesman in Sa-

rajevo. Major Brett Boudreau, said earlier that the goal was to get Bosnian Muslim and coming here with arms," said
General George Casey, whose
troops patrol the area with
Russian soldiers. "This group resettlement of such villages.

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UN sources said the num-ber of Muslims in the village had risen to 300 and a repor ter said it appeared more women and children had turned up. But Nato denied Serb claims that villagers

were digging trenches.

The Bosnian prime minister, Hasan Muratovic, visited the village yesterday to try to defuse the tension. "I came to appeal to you to show that we're a civilised people, that we only want our rights and that we'll fight for them in the most civilised way." he told the crowd.

"zone of separation" patrolled by Nato forces.

monitoring post-war Bosnia said the situation seemed to

grow more tense yesterday after a 48-hour Serb deadline

"It appears that some of the

area ... maybe venturing out of the village a little too far for the liking of the Serb police," said Thomas Hickox,

a commander in nearby

for withdrawal expired.

A member of the international Police Task Force

"First we have to see if you can live here at all," he said, alluding to devastated houses, lack of running water and

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members of the crowd shouted. International officials have sought to defuse the situation, with little apparent progress. Nato troops earlier seized weapons from the Muslims and have urged Serb authori-Muslim people are trying to taunt the Serb police in the ties not to enter the village. The Serbs insist that the

> ter to re-enter according to UN guidelines.
>
> Meanwhile, Nato countries agreed yesterday that they would probably have to keep thousands of troops in Bosnia next year after the current mission mandate runs

out on December 20. It was the first public ack-nowledgement by the alliance that such a force may be

Officials said they had agreed to order the military to draw up a number of options for a possible follow-on to the current Implementa-tion Force, I-For.

taken at the informal meeting of defence ministers in the Norweglan city of Bergen. 'We see the basis of a consensus for a new mission emerging," said Germany's Volker Rühe, — Reuter.

# Young people worse off than in the 1950s, French study finds

good factor suffered a new setback yesterday when an official study showed that young people are worse off than in the 1950s and the country's poverty gap is con-tinuing to widen.

As the prime minister, Alain Juppe, scored a recordspite tax cuts last week, a household income survey showed that young people's standard of living had declined by 15 per cent since

The survey found that between 1980 and 1994 the French standard of living declined for all sections of the population, except ratired people. It found that the average annual pre-tax income 170,000 francs [£21,250] — had hardly risen in 14 vears.

gap was narrower than the British, it had widened more rapidly. According to the Insee, one in 10 households in level in 1994. Fewer people under 70 were poor in 1994 compared to 1980 but the number of poor people under

While the government yes-terday dismissed the survey, arguing that it was two years out of date, critics said curreverse the trend. The Socialist leader, Lionel Jospin, said the government

was more determined to reduce deficits in the run-up to a single currency than to cut unemployment, standing at 12.5 per cent.

Mr Juppe yesterday called on MPs to bolster him with a vote of confidence next week. He said: "Our parliamen-tary work will be all the more fruitful if we have, with one voice, reaffirmed the policies of the government and the parliamentary majority."
But amid repeated calls

moroseness", parliamentary husiness looks set to be focused on damage limitation. new law against incitement to racial hatred, after three Front leader, Jean-Marie Le Pen, has dominated the politi-

cal stage. Respected politicians in the rightwing majority, including After 17 months in power, the former interior minister, Mr Juppe scores a 63 per cent Charles Pasqua, have rub"dissatisfaction" rating in today's Paris-Match poll. In a thinly veiled attempt to more prominence.

wants to reform the voting system ahead of parliamentary elections in 1996, with the aim of minimising the chances of far-right MPs. While the high unemploy

ment rate is likely to act as a disincentive to industrial unrest, unions have announced demonstrations

union is asking its members to cancel night-time cover demonstrations in areas blighted by defence industry

But the clearest indication of whether French unions can repeat the action which brought the country to a month-long standstill last 17 when rail workers demonstrate against the break-up of French national railways

# Simitis brings in the Westernisers

Helena Smith in Athens

ist government took terday. The prime minister, Costas Simitis, appointed a host of younger, Western-educated politicians to min-

Socialist cadres associated with the late Andreas Papandreon, whom Mr Si-mitis, aged 60, succeeded last January, were mostly

Three super-ministries overseeing the economy, public administration and development were created. reforms needed if Greece — Ylannos Papantoniou, the given the finance portfolio, while Vasso Papandreou,

Alexandros Papadopoulos, another moderniser, took over the interior min-istry with the order that he deflate Greece's civil

the European Union's poortargets of monetary and

economic Union. But while new faces came ters, remained in charge of in as deputy ministers, old development. lies. Akis Tsochadzopoulos, for years Mr Papandreou's right hand man, took over defence while Gerasimos

Aides said the moves | Dimitra Liani, assumed the In an attempt to improve other EU states, George Pa-

deputy foreign minister. **But Mr Simitis kept Theo** ministry. Western diplo-mats said this was because the prime minister needed Arsenis, a one-time confi- a forceful politicism to deal dant of Papandreou's wife, with Turkey.

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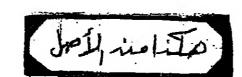
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# Arab League rallies behind Palestinians

### Shyam Bhatia in Cairo reports on how Netanyahu has strained the Middle East peace process

tion was seen by most of Israel's Arab neighbours as the start of a countdown for a new Middle East confrontation. Yesterday it appeared the confrontation had begun in

Egypt, which has been con ducting a war of words with the new Likud prime minister, blames the Israeli government for the latest crisis be-tween Jews and Arabs.

When the Arab League neets in emergency session this morning in Cairo, Egypt and Syria will put pressure on other Arab countries to slow down the pace of normalisation with the Jewish state. Oman, Qatar, Tunisia and Morocco, which have opened low grade diplomatic contacts with Israel, will be urged to

reconsider. The Arab League is expected to issue a strong statement holding Israel respon-sible for the latest spate of violence in the West Bank and Gaza. It will call on the israeli government to fulfil its commitments to the peace process and to hold back from provocative measures such as opening the tunnel alongside Jerusalem's Temple Mount.

This is the second time in three months that Arab officials are meeting to express concern over the policies of

INYAMIN Netanyahu's victory in last May's general election was seen by not to break Israeli commit-

ments to strive for a compre hensive peace settlement. Arab governments say Mr Netanyahu seems determined to destroy what his Labour government predecessors, Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon

In recent weeks tension has been building between Jerusalem and Damascus, Beirut, Cairo and Amman. These Arab capitals were more mea-sured in their reactions to Israel's policies under the pre-

vious Labour government. Now the prevailing atmosphere is of suspicion, hostil-ity and accusation. Only two weeks ago Arab military analysts were discussing the prospect of a new war between Israel and Syria, after Syria redeployed troops in

The Syrian move came in the wake of statements by the Likud government that Israel would never withdraw from the occupied Golan Heights captured from Syria in the 1967 Middle East war.

Government officials in Damascus have described the Netanyahu government as "fascist" and "racist". But the most scathing attacks are from Cairo where Egypt's government-controlled press has spared no effort to badmouth the Israeli prime min-ister. One newspaper de-scribed him as a Nazi.

writers and analysts delight in playing with his name in Arabic, When Netanyahu is broken into three Ar-abic syllables it can be read as: "He is stinking." Egyptian officials said that

the real reason behind the press campaign was the feel-ing that Mr Netanyhu duped-President Hosni Mubarak at their first meeting. Mr Mu-barak expressed satisfaction with Mr Netanyahu's views then, saying he believed the Israeli prime minister was "fully committed" to peace.

"In my opinion the main reason for this crisis is that Binyamin Netanyahu is an Americanised Israeli," said Mr Mubarak's former press secretary, Mohammed Abdel Moneim, "He's Westernminded. He mastered the American slang in the English language and his fatal mistake now is that he is addressing the Arabs in that language, not knowing there is a huge barrier between this culture and that one."

Relations between Cairo and Jerusalem have plunged to such depths that Israel cannot find a replacement for its outgoing ambassador in Cairo, David Sultan

The irony is that Mr Netanyahu and his advisers seem to be unwaware of the renewed tensions between Israel and Egypt. Less than a week ago Mr Netanyahu's political ad-viser, Dr Dore Gold, spoke of the many positive elements in



A build-up of tension yesterday following delays over self-rule led to the worst Israeli-Palestinian clashes for two years

### Amnesty team in Turkey to highlight latest rights abuses

Chris Nuttell in Ankara

An Amnesty Interna-tional delegation arrived in Turkey yesterday against a backdrop of more

Amnesty expects to dis-cuss the deteriorating situation with the government. It will also meet Turkish tions, professional bodies, victims of abuses and their relatives, and is due to announce an international campaign to highlight buman rights in Turkey.

A ninth prisoner died yes-terday as a result of rioting and a fire on Tuesday at the Diyarbakir prison in southeastern Turkey. Kadir De-mir was one of 14 inmates transferred to Gaziantep jail, 200 miles west of

Inmates had protested against the transfer, saying the government was reneg ing on a promise to end the movement of prisoners to jails far away from their trials and families. The deal had brought to an end a hunger strike in July in which 12 prisoners died.

Anatolia news agency said the prisoner had been wounded in the riots and died in a hospital in Gazi-antep. The Turkish Human Rights Association said the nine deaths had resulted from blows by batons or gun butts after the security forces were sent into the prison. It holds around 800 Kurds, jailed for connections with separatist PKK

guerrillas. The Turkish military reported yesterday that 47 militants and six soldiers had been killed in an operation in the south-east against the PKK. Fifteen deaths were reported Trunceli province where the armed forces said earlier

they had encircled 250 guerrillas in a forest. The trial opened in An-kara yesterday of 23 members of the pro-Kurdish party Hadep. The Turkish flag was torn down by masked men at Hadep's party congress in June and a poster of the PKK's leader, Abdullah Ocalan, was raised in its place.

The charges acused Ha-dep members, including the leader, Murat Bozlak, of being "the political wing of the PKK terrorist organisation". The state prosecutor called for jail sentences of up to 22 years.

# **Battle for UN** crown begins



Boutros-Ghali, above. is bracing himself to fight off the US veto on his second term, lan Black reports

from New York

BOUTROS Boutros-Ghali, the United Nations secretary-general, is vowing not to bow out quietly as it dawns on his supporters that the United States is deadly serious about veto-

ing a second term. President Bill Clinton pointedly made no reference to the controversial succession question when he sed the General Assembly on Tuesday, and his brief meeting with the veteran Egyptian diplomat was little more than a contrived photo-

opportunity. But bebind the forced smiles both sides are prepar-ing for the final push. The White House has convinced doubters by publicly declaring the veto decision "irrevocable".

UN officials who previously argued that Mr Clinton was playing to a Republican gal-lery and would back down after the November election admit that Mr Boutros-Ghali's prospects are fading.

Formally he is still backed by France, China and Russia, three of the five permanent members of the Security Council, though Hervé de Charette, the French foreign minister, hinted yesterday that Paris was reluctantly coming to terms with the sec-

retary-general's demise.

Britain, caught hopping by
the announcement in May
that the US would block a
second term, has maintained a public silence but signalled privately that it has aban-"I don't think he has a lot of

support from the British," said a senior White House official. A UN insider was blunter: "The Brits bave dumped him."

Malcolm Rikfind, the Foreign Secretary, would only say that a period of "quiet di-plomacy" was needed. As Security Council foreign

ministers met yesterday to grasp the nettle, it seemed likely that Mr Boutros-Chali aside "for the good of the organisation".
"We do want candidates to

emerge, but not with our backing, because that will just line up others to take their retribution," an American official said. Senior UN sources insist

that Mr Boutros-Ghali will not make it easy for Washing-ton. "The others are so damn mad with the Americans that it would be a blow to them if be caved in now," one said.

"Not caving in now is another way of punishing the Americans. In any case, I don't see him pulling out before the election. The game is
beginning now and he's playing it. Why should he bow
out? He's a very felsty guy."
Diplomats predict that the real action will begin in De-cember, the final month of Mr Boutros-Ghali's five-year ten-ure, because Washington would like to use the Italian presidency of the Security Council to finalise a choice.

Who that choice may be remains a tantalising mys-tery, fraught with regional, national and even racial complications which promise a photo-finish to a race which will be run mostly out of the

public eye.

The Irish president, Mary Robinson, and Gro Harlem Brundtland, prime minister of Norway, have been suggested, but both are seen by rightwing US Republicans as rightwing US Republicans as soft on abortion. Kofi Annan, a Ghanaian

UN undersecretary-general, is favoured as the African who should succeed under the "buggins turn" system of regional rotation which China and France insist should be maintained. An intriguing African possiblity is Judge Richard Goldstone, the white South African who heads the UN war crimes tri-

bunal in The Hague.

Many favour Sedako Ogata, the formidable UN High Commissioner for Refugees, but Tokyo is reluctant to back her for fear of prejudicing Japan's chance of securing a Security Council seat — the security. Council seat - the secretary-

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Part of New Labour's problem is the fear that equality is not a marketable commodity.

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# A global boom beckons

But why won't British industry invest to meet it?

THE WORLD economy is (relatively at these figures is that in Britain the speaking) an exciting place to be at the Government has presided over a masmoment - as long as you don't live on sive transfer of incomes from the poor, the Continent of Europe. That is the the unemployed and pensioners to gist of yesterday's IMF global forecasts people in work whereas on the Conti-which will make agreeable reading for nent the welfare state has — at a cost anyone who thinks they are going to win next year's general election. World | a carefully targeted phenomenon. output is forecast to expand by 3.8 per cent this year with Britain managing a modest 2.2 per cent (rising to 3.0 per cent in 1997), but France, Italy and Germany - shortly hoping to be joined in economic matrimony — will grow at barely a third of the world average. The UK could experience strong growth next year and falling unemployment without triggering inflation, according to the IMF, as long as the fiscal deficit is reduced and tax cuts are avoided before the election. In these circumstances yesterday's call by the CBI for a "boring" budget with no significant tax reductions or heavy public spending cuts has a lot going for it. Maybe the Chancellor should put the economy on automatic pilot as he heads for the

The health of the UK economy, however, looks much better viewed from the Continent than from the other side of the Atlantic. The UK has been showing a clean pair of heels to the likes of France and Germany whose economies have been subjected to a fierce monetary and fiscal squeeze to get them match-fit for Maastricht while ducking the supply side reconstruction that Britain has experienced. In this sullen context the job creating potential of the UK economy (93,000 new jobs during the past year) looks impressive against stagnation over there. Also, as the economist Walter Eltis claims, the real takehome pay of production workers in the UK increased by almost 26 per cent in the 15 years to 1994 compared with 3 per

provided for all. The feel-good factor is

Turn now to the United States. The downside is that working people have suffered a 7 per cent decline in their incomes on average during the past 15 years. The good news is that in July alone the number of new jobs created was twice as many as the UK generates in a whole year and that during the past 10 years the US economy has produced a staggering 18 million new jobs. More than that, the US has engineered the sort of balanced recovery that Britain can only dream about. Whereas Britain's recovery has battened on consumption, that of the US has seen capital spending expanding for 16 consecutive quarters contributing 15 per cent of growth. Investment by manufacturing industry in the US has been particularly strong in stark contrast to the UK where the latest figures (published yesterday) show that manufacturing investment — without which long-term growth is impossible — has actually declined by 7 per cent over the past year. Apart from Britain's excessive budget deficit (which may be tempered by faster growth shortly) the appalling state of manufacturing investment remains the biggest blot on Kenneth Clarke's otherwise shrewd stewardship. Maybe he should make this budget even more boring for the punters - and that much more important for the economy - by devoting what few spare resources he has to persuading industry to end what might be viewed by some as an investment strike. It won't win the election but it cent in Germany and less than 2 per | will make life worth living next year for cent in France. Another way of looking him or his successor.



Mr Netanyahu is risking a reversal of the peace process

UNDERMINING the fragile peace pro-cess between Israel and the Palestin-city will never be up for discussion ians is no longer just a figure of speech, "because we (the Israelis) are the soverwith the completion of the "tourist eign ... tunnel" on the edge of the Temple Mount and the lethal violence which has followed on the West Bank, Many Arabs believe Mr Netanyahu, who directly authorised its completion, wants to wreck the peace process. It certainly seems that he wants to redefine it on ate mayor of Tel Aviv Roni Milo obhis own terms, and does not care too much if it goes wrong. If the Palestinlans protest, the burden lies on their heads. This is the hard logic of a man who thinks he holds the high ground, but does he not realise that he may be digging it from under his feet?

Israel yesterday sought to present the Arab stone-throwing in Ramallah as a calculated provocation by the Palestinian Authority (PA), to which its troops had no alternative but to reply with force. The muddled events do not bear that interpretation; rather, they reflect the incoherent anger of Palestinians who regard the tunnel as one provocation too many from a hard-dealing Likud government. Israel will have a difficult job convincing anyone that Mr Arafat, regarded as an appeaser by many of his Arab critics, is responsible. To claim that the new tunnel exit is But there is a real question now merely a means of speeding up the political context. The senior Likud figure and mayor of Jerusalem Ehud Olmert did not conceal the deeper motive: it was to tell the Palestinians that "we | if it continues to be undermined.

" The incident follows other recent muscular steps, also authorised by Mr Netanyhau and including the accelerated construction of new Jewish housing, while there have been no corresponding steps to fulfil negotiated promises to the PA. As the more moderserves, it was at least foolish to force the issue of Temple Mount before withdrawing Israeli soldiers from Hebron. as required by treaty six months ago.

In London yesterday, Mr Netanyahu continued to show his undoubted skill in packing hard facts between soft words. He presents his long-delayed meeting with Mr Arafat as an enormous concession. He calls for good faith on both sides, having shown bad faith in scrapping or postponing Israeli commitments. He argues that Israel's new objectives, once they are properly understood by the Palestinians, will be theirs too. He reproaches President Mubarak - another performer best known for leaning over backwards - because Egypt can no longer stifle its alarm at Israeli procrastination. Mr Netanyahu is, as we all know, a very smart guy. shared by many worried Israelis — as tourist flow in the Old City ignores the | to whether he may be too smart to see beyond his own fist. In the peace process, one thing has led to another. The same will be true in disastrous reverse

# **Even the foolish have rights**

Jeremy Corbyn can invite whom he likes to Westminster

EVERY few years, the London Labour | an election which Labour has to win. MP Jeremy Corbyn indulges his romangive them a publicity platform. These occasions always also provide a showcase for Mr Corbyn's abiding qualities: his lack of wider political and moral Grown-up people ought to keep this judgment, his predilection for gesture childish sideshow in perspective. politics, his insensitivity to the feelings of most Londoners and his indifference to the policies of his party.

by inviting Gerry Adams to Westmin- byn is entitled to invite whom he ster in a week in which London is still reeling from its narrow escape from a cluding Mr Adams. The parliamentary major bombing, at a time when the authorities, let alone the Government, IRA's reversion to violence has been have no business trying to prevent him arguably the principal cause of the from doing so. It comes pretty ill from deterioration of the situation this year in Northern Ireland, at a time when Parliament is not even sitting, and in own commercial clients, to pontificate the days leading up to his party's im- about Mr Corbyn's judgment when portant annual conference on the eve of their own is hardly any better.

Mr Corbyn's actions do not advance tic support for Irish republicans by the cause of peace in Northern Ireland using his parliamentary privileges to and are not seriously intended to do so. It is surprising that a politician as clever and important as the Sinn Fein leader should be bothered with him.

Mr Corbyn is a fool, and a fool whom the Labour Party would probably be better off without. However, even fools Now he has done it again, this time have rights. As an elected MP Mr Corpleases to Westminster, certainly in-Conservative MPs, some of whom treat Westminster as a pig's trough for their



# Harriet Harman's pension plan

ABOUR Party members and supporters know that we will have to make tough choices in Goverument. We must get our pri-orities right and set them out clearly (An acid test for Labour, September 17). We are committed to al

pensioners sharing fairly in rising national prosperity, but our first pensions priority must be the 700,000 poorest pensioners who don't get the Income Support which they should get and are losing an average of £14 per week. Labour will replace the un-fairness and inefficiency of Income Support with mea-sures which would ensure a minimum income in retirement through a new Pension

A flat-rate increase would not attack the growing in-equality of income of those in retirement. It would help the richest pensioners but would give nothing to those on Income Support - who would lose the pension increase pound for pound from their benefits.

there was a higher proportion | basic rate of tax. of pensioners on Income Support than there are now. The crucial difference between being on means-tested bene-fits in retirement or not is

ping out of Serps, we propose the policies we took to the a new framework of "stake electorate last time. holder pensions" which would provide a good second-tier pension for the millions who do not have access to an occupational pension scheme. And it is why we are deter-mined not to undermine occupational pensions. At Labour Party conference

the debate will not be about objectives — we all share the same aims. It will be about the means to achieve those common objectives. But the debate must not be shrouded by unrealistic estimates of the costs involved. Barbara Castle and Peter Townsend claim (Here's how we can all be bet-ter off, September 17) that the higher pensions could be funded painlessly by using the "profit" in the National Insurance fund. But this profit" is actually National insurance rebates currently financing the occupational and personal pensions of 16 million people.

Funding the additional £5.5 billion of public spending required by proposals for a In the past the earnings link has not kept people off means-tested benefits. In 1979, even with the earnings link, an increase of 2.5p on the

We cannot make a promise of an extra £5.5 billion of pub-

Harriet Harman MP. Shadow Secretary of State House of Commons London SWIA OAA

ARRIET HARMAN might be capable in her new role, but I believe she lacks hasic commitment to the ethics and principles of Labour. Her opposition to the restora-tion of the right of all pen-sioners to have their pension limited to average earnings, as it was in the 1970s, raises a huge question mark against her once again (Harman seeks to blunt Castle's pension claim, September 23). Harman's statement that

any increase should be means-tested and concentrate on the poorest pensioners destroys the principle accepted by the last Labour govern-ment. I am 78 years old and for the last 17 years I have been waiting and hoping for a Labour government to restore honesty, competence and jus-tice for all, but I am sick of the prevarications and fear shown by the current leader-

ship. Alf Everton. Chelmsford

N its rush to avoid damag-ing tabloid headlines, the Labour leadership is looking being on means-tested peaking fits in retirement or not is whether you have a good second-tier pension. That is curity in retirement for tomorrow's pensioners, I tomorrow's pensioners and providing second-tier pension. duced Serps in 1975 and why. strongly believe that our new | would inherit a surplus in the | Canterbury, following the Tories' strip- | proposals deserve to replace | National Insurance Fund: | Kent CT2 8HF.

without raising taxes or NI contributions there will be at least £3 billion a year to play with. Modest changes to the upper earnings limit and pri-vate-pension subsidies would

rield much more. Harriet Harman could turn two of Labour's conference hazards into triumphs by promising to devote the NI surplus to both pensioners and young people. Thus a start could be made on restoring the value of the basic NI pension and a new system of educational allowances for 18to 18-year-olds could be intro-duced without taking away child benefit. (Prof) A C Walker.

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man's excuse for opposing a flat-rate increase on the basis that it would include Margaret and Dennis Thatcher. This nonsense comes in the wake of Gordon Brown's excuse for ther Margaret and Dennis nor the millionaire will have their lifestyles altered. It is reminiscent of the Tory argument for not giving the poor baths on the basis that some would keep coal in them. Brian Bethell.

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Sick of labels

RIS Murdoch's reaction to

her writer's block (Duet in

perfect harmony, September 21) reinforced my feeling that

a great disservice has been

prominence given to Alz-

heimer's disease. In all my 74

cases of actual Alzheimer's.

though many where there

in my youth as "going a bit dotty", or "back to their second childhood". It is usu-

ally treated with sympathetic

amusement as signs that the machine was beginning to wear out. Where is the point in all this coverage? There is no cure. When there is, we shall all be most happy to hear of it. Until then I only

years I have known only two

### Politics, a dirty business

AM writing to correct Fran-icis Wheen's almost completely inaccurate purported account of Harold Wilson's refusal to give the BBC an in-terview on a train immediately after the 1966 election (Wheen's world, September 25). Wheen says the train jour-25). Wheen says the train journey in question was "on polling night". In fact, it was on the mid-morning of the following day. April 1. Wheen says that the interview never took place because Wilson "stormed out of the BBC carriage". In fact, Wilson had decided weeks before not to give the interview. He could not have stormed out of the carhave stormed out of the carriage because he never set foot in the carriage. He spent the entire journey sitting in his own compartment reading the newspapers and chatting with his staff, of whom I was one.

Wheen says that "just as the cameras were starting to roll" Wilson had a confrontation with John Morgan of the BBC. The cameras never started to roll, for the reason given above. Furthermore, Wilson never saw John Morgan and removing child benefit because the odd millionaire to anyone else connected with with a son at Eton would the BBC. Wilson's refusal to receive the extra income, Neiveyed to the BBC by myself, as his political press officer. Rt Hon Gerald Kaufman MP. House of Commons London SWIA GAA

> OW disappointing to read that Mandy Mandelson regards my friend Andy McSmith as "one of the most biased, ill-informed, malicious and unpleasant journalist in Westminster" (Diary, Septem-ber 25). Peter always told me that I held that special place in his affections. I am devas-tated to learn that, just like Steve Norris's lovers, there

are many of us.
It is strange how journalists cherish such badges of honour. When I was editing Tribune in the 1980s we described Michael Jones of the Sunday political journalist in Fleet Street. He promptly had the were lapses in memory, or article blown up slight confusion, referred to on his office wall. article blown up and framed Nigel Williamson. High Beeches.

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IHAVE always regarded the BT logo (Letters, September 25) as a representation of a classical god — presumably the god of communication. Now, what was his name? Ah. yes, Mercury. Martyn Wilson.

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# Wind of change

WIND farms will not dese-crate our hillsides (Let-ters, September 25). A typical farm of about 20 turbines extends over an area of 1 to 2km, but only about 1 to 2 per cent of this land is occupied by the turbines and access tracks. The bulk of the land can still be used as before. To achieve 10 per cent of our electricity from wind farms, the British Wind Energy Association has estimated that 2,500 hectares would be needed to accommodate the turbine foundations and access roads. This compares to 388,000 to 360,000 hectares covered by roads, and 18.5 million hectares used for

Tidal power is not the every reasonably practicable estuary were used, the yield would be 20 per cent of present electricity consumption. The environmental impact of such schemes is significant by in-terrupting the flow of water, a barrage would change the tidal regime, level of salt, turbidity and sedimentation patterns. It would also affect fish migration. And we would still need other energy sources. Linda Fletcher.

AFTER 15 windswept years working for Britain's ports, I have no doubt that the most appropriate sites for wind generators are to be found in the nation's docks and harbours. There are around 650 ports and harbour installations in the UK, and a great number of them have spare land, quays and jetties on exposed and windy parts of the coast, highly suitable for wind generators. Surely it would not be beyond our dynamic, mainly privatised, ports industry to get together with its privatised counterparts in the electricity industry? If the Port of Blyth can do it aren't all our other enter



# Expletives not quite deleted

JOHN AYTO is correct about the F-word (You can swear by it, September 25), but what about the C-word? This is the only one that can still raise evebrows and cause protest in my local pub, where the former is heard 10

The fact that the word. which is regarded (by men) as their ultimate swear-word and worst insult, is a simple | acknowledge receipt of letters. description of female genitalia illustrates, to me, how are more likely to appear.

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very far feminism still has to

# Voting for a tactical strategy

F LibDem voters followed Menzles Campbell's advice (LibDem peer pleads for tact-ical voting, September 24) to maximise his party's vote in order to pressurise Labour into backing proportional representation, they will not be ensuring that we get PR after the next general elec-tion. What we will get instead is another Conservative

Lord Rogers, on the other hand, in urging voters in un-winnable LibDem seats to vote for the contender which has the best chance of defeat-ing the Tories. Is putting the interests of the people above those of his party

Grot, the Get Rid Of Them anti-Tory tactical-voting campaign, has selected 79 Tory marginals which, with informed tactical voting, could give 15 seats to the LibDenns. three to the SNP, and 61 to Labour, and would ensure non-Tory government. Bernard Knight.

Get Rid Of Them (Grot). 6 Cynthia Street London N1 9JF.

TACTICAL voting domi-nates modern by-elections because voters are made to realise which candidate can beat the Conservatives. But in general elections the tactical choice is often far from clear. In too many seats, the Tory squeezes through to win, even though more votes have been cast for centre-left policies than for rightwing ones.

Logic would suggest there-fore that the only way to be sure of putting an end to this terrible pattern is to field just one candidate for the "pro-gressive" vote. In other words, Labour should with draw from the South-West. The LibDens should withdraw from Labour's urban

Of course, tribal machismo and self-delusion means that they won't do it, and we shall most likely be condemned to another five years of Mr Major. Still, it will no doubt be on the agenda after the next defeat.

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### wish that Alois Alzheime had never been born. Jeane Pearce. Meirose Road.

A Country Diary

London SW19.

hear of it. Until then, I only

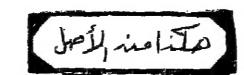
grebes breed on a number of The absence of birds was lochs around inverness so I more than compensated for tend to forget that it is a rare by the silence — that silence species that attracts bird of the Highlands that is magain. With a population of rarer than species such as the golden eagle with over 400 breeding pairs. The main breeding loch for the grebes — the first nest was found there in 1908 - is Loch Ruthven that lies only a few miles from my house and late September found me in the RSPB hide on the shore of are flightless. I have seen the lock. The advantage of being there at this time of a September day a few years the year is that there are no people about but there is also there were only a few they the snag that there are no birds around either. The visbirds around either. The visitors' diary indicated that in | will spend some time on the the previous two weeks no loch before the majority birds had been seen at all. move to the coast where they apart from a pair of tree run the gauntiet of oil spills.

The birds will stay on the the hide. The last record for Slavonian grebes had been on September 2 when an adult and invenile were seen as well as a late osprey car-

LOCH RUTHVEN: Slavonian | rying a fish over the loch. watchers from all over Brit- ical wherever you are. I did not see or hear a single bird around 60 pairs this makes it but I made a note in my notebook that a fresh dropping of a pine marten indicated it had walked down the

path the night before. I drove on to Loch Ashie as if chasing the grebes as this loch is the centre for a gathsea, often in sheltered bays, until March finds the breeding sites once again being occupied.

RAY COLLIER



### Diary

Matthew Norman

ODAY's extract from Faces Of Labour, The Inside Story, by Andy McSmith, is postponed due to sensational late news: mandy Mandelson, the MP for Hartlepool, has been spotted in a gym. He was seen yesterday, shortly after 8am, working out in the YMCA in Tottenham Court Road. "He had shorts on and a sort of boxer's vest," says my source, "and he was doing a kind of semistationary hop that looked like a posture exercise. Actually, he was doing more preening than working out, although he's in pretty good shape for a man of his age." Invited to rebut this allegation, rapidly or otherwise, world-record-holder Oofy Wegg-Prosser was strangely silent. Further research reveals that Mandy joined the YMCA in 1982, four years after the Village People's hit record,

and tends to visit early in the morning. Those who use the state-of-the-art gym in Millbank frequented by New Labour, and the one at Westminster available to MPs, will be intrigued that Mandy shares their hobby, albeit not in their company As for Nicky in the press office at GMTV, she denies any plans to hire him as cover for Mr Motivator "at the moment". EANWHILE, in the

day's second shock sighting, Mandy's friend Dolly Draper was spotted at the Lib Dem Con-ference in Brighton. At one point, a minion was seen hurriedly explaining who Dolly was to Lib Dem director of strategy Alan Leaman, but my agent was un-able to overhear any detail. The visit couldn't, surely, be a sign that Mandy's wellknown affection for merger (of which, more tomorrow) is getting stronger? Or even. God forbid, a defection?

HANKS to all who have contributed to the appeal for Christopher Eccleston, a man so phobic about personal pub-licity that he became a TV actor. You will recall that divulging any biographical detail however impersonal, is excruciating to him, and so the aim is to collate enough information to negate the need for future profilers ever to torment him again. Today's fact: Mr Eccleston grew up in Little Hulton, a suburb of Salford. Today's other fact: when he was introduced to a Manchester journalist Robert de Niro, he said: "You write any more of that patronising shite about me, and I'll have you."

HURRIED retake has interrupted an other-wise smooth recording of tonight's edition of ironical sports quiz They Think It's All Over. It came during the "feel the sports-man" round, in which contestants have to identify an athlete by touch alone. When team captain Gary Lineker had begun feeling his mystery body, pre-senter Nick Hancock whispered "All right, Vinnie?". When Mr Lineker leapt away from the body and whipped off his blindfold. he was greeted by the sight not of Vinnie Jones — who wants a word with him at the moment — but rugby in-ternational Victor Obogu. tonight is the retake, in which Mr Lineker identifies Mr Obogu without the aid of his eyes.

N the Argentine seaside town of Mar del Plats. delegates are gathering for the inaugural World Conference of Tramps. The tramp shows total solidarity, shares his food, his knowledge, education and goods and donates his blood and organs selflessly," says organiser Pedro Ribeira of the Free Tramps's Move-ment, bafflingly. Mr Ribeira tells Reuters that he expects 300 delegates from all over the world, but fails to explain where inter-con-tinental air travel ties in

ETER Burke writes from Nottingham, noting an advert in the Financial Times, an-nouncing the sale of assets belonging to a Midlands business. He wonders rhe-torically why it should have gone into receivership now after trading for more than 150 years, and points out that what the firm manufactured was hospital beds.

stry Dury



# Grandees waving and drowning

# Commentary Hugo

Young

HE grandee wing of the Tory Party met yester day in semi-secret ses sion. Some of what was said was open, some was closed. Along with other jour-nalists, I was kindly invited, but only under what they call Chatham House rules, which means that, with the exception of Douglas Rurd and David Hunt, nothing that was said could be attributed. The whole panoply of what might be in the Conservative elec-tion manifesto was debated, but anonymously. This arrangement was eloquent As the great fight-back against the garagiste tendency, it graphically expressed the stutgraphically expressed the star-tering uncertainty, the terror of clarity, the almost para-lysed defensiveness, by which the Conservative Mainstream is now all but engulfed.

That is the name of the new federation of the Tory left. The Mainstream launch wasn't helped by the intervention, the day before, of a real gran-dee, Nicholas Bonsor, fourth baronet of the line; and still

stream proclaims it is devoted, to terminate with extreme and instant prejudice the career of the first junior minister in history to take to the air for the insolent purpose of denouncing the Chan-cellor of the Exchequer. Such are the depths to which the Mainstream has been driven. They may be waving, but they re also drowning.

Douglas Hurd, supplying the keynote image en clair before the meeting went private, described where Mainstream thinking came from. It "usu ally flows through peaceful meadows", he noted with puzzlement. Verdant tranquillity is what Mr Hurd is used to. Seventeen years of the Thatcher rage don't seem to have discouraged him from talking as if slow-moving opaqueness described the timeless stream of Conservaopaqueness described the timeless stream of Conserva-tive normality. And taking the long view, gentle zephyrs under grandee navigation have usually brought the vessel home. But now - though this was still only "a phase" the stream was "passing through a gorge, and its

waters become deeper and more turbulent". This now required, Hurd said, some response. We have been silent long enough. The ocean-going liner of true Con-servatism needed to traverse the alien tides and get back to people were saying yesterday,

less by the inability of the the meadows. It was time the Prime Minister, the patron old captains resumed comsaint to whose service Main-mand. Such is the purpose of Conservative Mainstream Both the message and the

strategy. I agree, are impor-tant Leaving aside the grand-ness of the helmsmen, these people, a hand-picked group of around 60 who include a smat-tering of MPs and one or two lesser ministers, take a view of politics that was once the orthodoxy. They are recognis-able Old Tory. They defend the role of the state, take a balanced view of tax and spend-ing and believe, as Hurd said with passion, that the party must not, even in our private thinking despair of part of our population as fit only for poverty or prison". They're determined to take their

They're quite right to do so. Conservatism isn't a stagnant pond, nor should it be surrendered to the sharks waiting to tory. Some kind of middle way is what most Conservative voters want to believe in, and what every non-Tory with an open mind would prefer to support. It is, actually, the ground the manifesto will at least be pretending to occupy. There are few Cabinet voices speaking for a minimal-state commitment just yet. The doc-ument is more likely to be pallid Mainstream than roaring cataract. Its authors would also like, as Mainstream

vision becomes unreal.
Europe may be ninth with the
people, but it's first with the
politicians, and has taken on a
political life extending far be political life extending far be-yond itself. Europe is meta-phor and symbol. It can't be docked, high and dry, away from the turbulence. Twenty years ago, Lord Denning mem-orably described the Treaty of Rome's effect on English law.
"The treaty is like an incoming tide," he said. "It flows into the estuaries and up the rivers. It cannot be held back." The Europe trace-line now pollutes every waterway of Conservatism from the wet-

to put Europe in its proper place: about ninth in the list of

voter concerns.
This, however, is where the

# final disabusing

wheeling that has become the way Mr Major tries to keep on course. The Mainstream atti-tude to Europe has remained a well-known secret for too long. The pirates have been running away with the party, and the original owners owe it to the country to make an effort

the country to make an enort to get it back.

The omens, however, are not good. Expose yourself to Mainstream thinking, and you soon become aware of some-thing worse than the undeniable truth that all this is a bit late. The problems go much

# operators, the Tories of the meadows, are no match for the masters of the gorge. What

Pollution is the word. No ar-

# The retention of Bonsor the dim grandee is the

Mainstreamers have to say is Mainstreamers have to say is usually subtle and compromising. It engages with the awkwardness of reality. It has few simple solutions, makes little music written for the trumpet-blast. The reason why extreme Euro-phobia has gripped the Conservative po-litical machine, if not the Conservative vote, is that it appeals to simple atavistic prejudices that are especially ripe for exciting when the party is otherwise at electoral death's door. Even in the hands of confident politicians. the message from the Mainstream, weighed down by the ballast of 17 years, is hard to make float, let alone fly. Second, though, these Main-

rest to the driest. gument, however limpid, survives unstained by it. Here, too, Conservative Mainstream has something serious to say. It's trying to muddy the arrogant certainties of the other

side, support the tacking and

streamers seem invincibly to belong to the past. Passe is what they looked like yester-day, and not just because of the threadbare circumstances in which they half-secretly met. They have no chutzpah and no élan. They mostly tell the truth, but have no idea how to penetrate the media that have played the major part in removing front-line Conservatism from the central channel to the eddles swirling viciously on the edge. They look tired and bewildered, as

if they know, which they surely do, that they're no longer where it's at. If they did think moderate Conservatism bestrode the present, the retention in the Foreign Office of Bonsor the dim grandee, his friends convulsed in merry mirth, is the final disabusing. Mainstream, alas, can no longer describe the Tory Party. Mainstream is steady,

straight, predictable. But the captain, now, is not in com-mand of his ship. I can call spirits from the vasty deep, Hurd seemed to be saying yesterday. If words signified reality, perhaps he could. So could Mr Major. But when he calls

for them, they won't come.

# one about **New Labour?**



Mark Steel

MONY BLAIR has a dilemma. For his conference he has to prepare an hour-long speech; but if he sticks to the changes he inends to make from Conservative rule, all that will be left to say will be: "Brothers, sisters. Well, nothing really, Now for Auld Lang Syne."

So his office has asked Rory Bremner's writing team to pad out the time with some jokes. Divorced as politicians are from popular culture, they seem to be unaware that Rory Bremner is funny because he is a brilliant impressionist. and that if you say, "Morning, everyone, what a good day's play we've had out there today", without doing it as Richie Benaud, much of the

humour is lost. New Labour, like the Church of England or 50-year old men who try to dance at their nephews' parties, should realise that trying to look youthy and funny when you ideal night out is cheese and wine at a neighbourhood watch makes you look stupid. For instance, during his Brit Awards speech, Blair told golffield, Drame, there'll us how he admired The Clash. the name, there'll leaving us wondering how well it would go down in the Shadow Cabinet if Robin Cook announced that the nev foreign policy was "I'm so bored with the USA".

All of which is a shame, because a convincing jokey speech from Blair could begin to dent the general disillu-slomment with politicians...

"Ladies and gentlemen, Blair's the name, there'll never be another. Let me begin by dealing with my crit-ics. I'm told that I model New Labour too closely on the American Democrats. That is nonsense. When Bill Clinton said he 'smoked dope but didn't inhale', everyone thought 'Liar, of course you did'. If I'd said that everyone little bit about something. But

sult others before making de cisions, that I even ignore the advice of my deputy. On the contrary, our proposals for the trades unions are exactly those proposed by Mr

Heseltine. "But seriously, we live in a Britain that has been allowed to decay. Our hospitals are crumbling, our social services are crumbling, our children's schools are crumbling - well. your children's schools are

cording to the same people (The Do Not Press)

who believe that closing hospitals is safe, selling arms to Saddam is safe, and dangling from a piece of flex with an orange in your mouth is safe. "None of this can be recti-fied unless we are willing to reform our institutions. The practice of one or two barons wielding block votes that count for a million times more than the average mem-ber can no longer be tolerated. That is why we are proposing that company directors can increases if voted on by every one who uses gas, water or whatever the company makes, in a secret ballot after 30 days

notice, and if it goes the wrong way someone takes out an injunction and stops it anyway. Boom, boom.

"We must be willing to reform outdated institutions suited to the previous generation. So the royal family and the House of Lords will be elected by one man, one vote. Only public schools will be kept as they are, as there is something to be said for an institution that takes the sons of judges and wallops them with a stick.

"Even our own Bible must be modernised. Indeed, Peter Mandelson has already completed a first draft which reads, 'And Jesus stormed into the Temple whereupon the moneylenders were gorg-

# 'Ladies and gentlemen, Blair's never be another

upon them, turned unto a nearby widow bearing only mite and said: Embrace competition. For if the money lenders gorgeth more, their gold will trickle down'."

Sadly, the real speech is more likely to be: "Ladies, gentlemen, customers. We live in a Britain that is crum bling. And I promise that a Labour government will change absolutely nothing.
"Now I know that there are

would have thought 'Liar, unless we abandon this out-you've never smoked dope in dated rhetoric we shall lose your life'.

"It is said that I don't congiven the chance to do the election and never be nothins "We will do nothing about

poverty, nothing about educa-tion [rising in crescendo], we will work night and day and shall not rest until we have achieved nothing.

"That is the exciting mes-sage I want you to take from this conference to inspire the British people.

Mark Steel, when not writing speeches for political leaders. presents the Mark Stee "We live in a Britain in Solution on Radio 4 and is which our beef is safe — ac- author of it's Not A Runner Bean

# How to stop stalkers

Michael Howard promises an urgent Bill to outlaw stalkers. But haste can result in bad law, warns Clare Dyer - much better to reach for one the Law Commission made earlier

lepression and anxiety, yet cannot rely on the criminal law to come to their rescue. The Home Secretary's promise to plug the loophole, possibly by next spring, is welcome. The Government plans specific anti-stalking laws making it possible to con-vict stalkers without proving they intended to harm their victims. But is a hastily-drawn bill rushed through Parliament in response to a media outcry the right way to do it? A bill produced four years ago by the Govern-ment's own law-reform body would not only provide a remedy against stalkers but completely overhaul one of the most outdated areas of English law — the law on

Prosecutors at present are forced to fall back on a 135-year-old law in a largely ineffective attempt to plug a yawn-ing gap in the law which leaves thousands of women unprotected. To the Victorian drafters of the 1861 Offences | prosecutors in England | that "inflicting" grievous | limited fine or up to five years | Against The Person Act, the | started by charging breach of | bodily harm — the words used | in prison; and causing harass drafters of the 1861 Offences

omen are stalked, harassed and pestered to the point of severe mildly unhinged stalkers who make so many women's lives a misery in 1996 were an unknown phenomenon. It is not surprising, therefore, that the use of the act for a purpose for which it was never intended is such a hit-and-miss affair. Last week it led to the collapse of a case in which the alleged victim was subjected to cross-examination in per-son by the man she claimed harassed and pestered her for

four years.
Stalking has emerged as a ctile anti-stalking laws. Desperate for a remedy.

In more serious cases, prosecutors are arguing that the psychological stress, anxiety

serious threat to women in the 1990s. In less than two years, more than 7,000 victims con-tacted the National Stalking and Anti-Harassment Campaign. Tracey Sant, whose harasser, Anthony Burstow, jailed for three years last March, was the first stalker convicted of inflicting griev-ous bodily harm, suffered seri-ous clinical depression as a result of his obsessive threeyear campaign. Yet Britain still provides inadequate pro-tection for victims. Unlike Canada, Australia, and some US states, Britain has no spe-

defined breach of the peace so widely it can include any conduct likely to cause alarm, whether intended or not. In England the charge was used this year against Bernard Quinn, who shadowed Princess Anne for years and showered her with letters, and Klaus Wagner, Princess Di-ana's stalker. But both prosecutions failed because there was no cause for anyone to fear a violent incident.

and depression caused by the stalker's relentless pursuit amounts to actual or grievous bodily harm. The problem is proving that the stalker in-tended his victim harm, a key ingredient in the offence Typically he has not laid a finger on her. Often, far from wanting to hurt her, he claims to be in love with her and sometimes even to believe that she loves him.

The results in these cases have been patchy. Anthony Burstow, the first stalker found guilty of GBH, pleaded guilty to the charge, so his rase was no precedent. Unusually, his was a hate rather than a love campaign, and a menacing note concluding "nothing will change how much I hate you" eased the prosecution's task of proving intent. He appealed, arguing

the peace. In Scotland, new in the act — meant physical ment, alarm and distress, punlaws are not needed because damage. His appeal was ishable by a fine of up to £5,000 or up to six months in prison, but may go to the House of A new civil measure would rejected by the Appeal Court, but may go to the House of Lords, prolonging uncertainties over the law. Last week, the case against

Dennis Chambers, who alleg-edly pestered 30-year-old restaurant manager Margaret Bent for four years, collapsed because the hurdle of proving intent was too high. He had told police in his interview that Ms Bent had "no need to

On Tuesday a jury convicted Clarence Morris, with a long history of sex attacks and assaults, of the lesser offence of causing actual bodily harm to dental nurse Perry Southall, a Pamela Anderson loo-kalike. The judge, Gerald Butler, called for urgent action by Parliament to make stalking a

criminal offence.

Last July the Government finally proposed new antistalking laws, apparently galvanised by an attempt by the Shadow Minister for Women to plug the gap with a private member's bill. The Govern-ment rejected Janet Ander-son's bill, claiming it was too wide and would also have caught investigative journalists and Jehovah's witnesses.

The Home Office proposals would remove the need to prove that the stalker in-tended harm. Two new criminal offences would be created behaving in a way which causes people to fear for their safety, punishable by an unallow victims of stalkers to seek a court injunction

against further molestation. Breach of this would be a criminal offence, punishable by up to five years in prison. do it? A bill still has to be drafted, and previous exam-ples of rushed Home Office drafting are not reassuring.

After 135 years, the Offences
Against The Persons Act is
long overdue for repeal. Still
used to prosecute most nonfatal violent offences, its complexities and archaisms give rise to over-long trials and frequent appeals, at huge cost to the taxpayer. A Law Com-mission bill drafted in 1992 would replace the act with a comprehensive modern law. making it an offence to cause psychological harm "inten-tionally or recklessly". "Reck-lessly" is widely defined and would cover cases where a defendant is aware of the risk that his behaviour could im-

pair his victim's mental health. The Law Commission be-lieves — backed up by aca-demic experts — that the bill would plug the loophoje which now allows stalkers to escape. The bill is impeccably drafted ready to go, and backed up by lengthy consultation. What is the Home Secretary waiting

Clare Dyer is the Guardian's

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Marxist guru

of Italian film

ROFESSOR Guido a conventional movie game, Aristarco, who has died aged 77, was a

In 1951, Aristarco's Storia

Delle Teoriche del Film was published. It was a history of

film theories which gave Ital-

ian readers their first access to

ian readers their first access to the ideas of major interna-tional film theorists, including the Italian Luigi Chiarini. The latter was an academic and editorial colleague in many ideological battles, with Chiar-

ini as a Crocean idealist, and

Aristarco as a Marxist

his magazine Cinema Nuovo, which he was still publishing when he died. In its pages, he continued to defend his theories even when many in the left both young and old, had

abandoned his type of critical

anamoned us type or crucial rigour, accepting an adulation of genre films that Aristarco did not consider worthy of serious aesthetic attention.

In 1953, he had been the central of the central resident acceptance of the centr

tre of an Italian witch-hunt when he published in the mag-

azine a film story project by Renzo Renzi entitled *L'armata* 

s'agapo (The s'agapo brigade) in which Italian soldiers were

shown to be more philander-ers than fighters during the oc-cupation of Greece. Renzi, as an ex-army officer, and Aris-

tarco as publisher were con-victed by a military tribunal of

offending the army. Grotesque

though the case was, it was typical of cold war Christian Democrat Italy, a time when

prototype for Aristarco's uto-pla of realist cinema — was heavily censored and insulted

by the establishment at its Venice screening. But those

like me who were stimulated by Aristarco's thinking found

difficult however to share his view that you had to take sides either with Fellini or

Though not many of Aristar co's writings got the attention abroad that they deserved his

articles found space in French, Russian and German publica-tions and, in English, in Film

Culture. One of his most inter-

mento della ragione (The Dis-solution of Reason). A title

with a nod towards Kant, for

which Lukacs wrote an intro-duction in which he paid hom-age to his Italian disciple even if admitting that he human

was not an assiduous filmgoer

Aristarco also published an invaluable study of the work Paolo and Vittorio Taylani,

whose early films in particu-

lar also reached close to Aris-

tarco's filmic Utopia, On his

great moments of film history:

Bazin to the nouvelle suga

and Aristarco to neo-realism."

death the brothers com-

**Guido Aristarco** 

controversial but in-

intential cultural guru for suc-

ceeding generations of Italian intellectuals. He believed that cinema should be treated as

seriously as any other art form and was the first film histo-

rian invited to hold a chair in

film studies at an Italian uni-

versity. Turin in 1969. Aristarco's interest in cin

ema stemmed from his politics

and his reading of the Marxist Antonio Gramsci, the first phi-

losopher in Italy to give cin-

ema serious attention. As an

anti-fascist in his native Man-

rua and then as a student in Milan, Aristarco came into

contact with the resistance

and after the war had practical experience of film-making col-laborating with Giuseppe De Santis and Carlo Lizzani, two fellow militant communist in-

tellectuals, on the script of Aido Vergano's Il Sole Sorge Ancora (The Sun Rises Again,

1946) one of the best films

about the Italian partisans. But unlike Lizzani and De

Santis who turned to direc-

tion, Aristarco continued as a critic. He joined the staff of the

resuscitated magazine Cinema

which already in fascist years — edited by Vittorio Musso-lini. son of the dictator — had

been a hothed for the progres-

sive trends which led to neo-realism. One of the contribu-

tors was Umberto Barbaro,

Aristarco's own mentor as a

Marxist teacher of cinema his tory. In a review of Rossellini's

in 1948. Aristarco praised the film's "rich filmic values", but

chastised the director of Rome.

Open City for ignoring basic

editing rules.
While defending the social

significance of neo-realism.

Aristarco was sceptical about

its contribution to film aes-thetics. He was already ab-sorbed in the theories of the

Soviet director Sergei Eisen-

stein and was soon to find in the Hungarian Marxist critic

George Lukacs's work on the

r's Hamlet. For Aristarco,

# Serenades in swingtime

journeymen orchestrators whose work for three decades was plastered all over record catalogues and the airwaves. He specialised in accompaniments for prominent singers ranging from Dinah Shore and Danny Kaye to Johnny Mercer and Ella Fitzgerald and also Mrs Weston, known professionally as Jo Stafford. He also had some success with "mood" albums whose titles were sufficiently nebulous to forestall serious criticism. Music for the Fireside Music for a Rainy Night and so on. Although not quite in and musical director. Weston

stylish. He was born Paul Wetstein in Springfield. Massachus-setts, and by the time he reached his teens was a professional musician, playing piano and occasionally leading his own band at college dances. By the early 1930s the better-known singers were beginning to use his orchestrations. Today, when some ob-scure mid-1930s recording is dug up, the chances are that the large grant of the

could always be relied on for

something accurate and

time led him to the pugna-cious figure of Tommy Dorsey at the very moment when blatantly out of tune and out Dorsey was launching him of time. Listeners tended to be self as a bandleader. Weston much comforted by these per-

aul Weston, who stayed with Dorsey for five has died aged 84. was one of those journeymen or and general jack-of-all-musical-trades.

In 1943 he was appointed staff arranger at Capitol Re-cords. He also began working regularly on radio, producing the music for series by Johnny Mercer. Bob Newhardt and Jo Stafford. It was in the 1950s that he

founded the National Academy of Recorded Arts and Sciences and became its inaugural president. He was also an occasional songwriter.

Weston said he was never happy scoring Berlin's music because it was too simple

scoring big commercial successes with Shrimp Boats, Day by Day, and I Should

But the two incidents which define Weston once In 1935 a gift for being in the right place at the right time led him to the known tunes sung and played

musical enough to laugh at the joke, although the performances were so violently wrong that it would have taken a horse not to know the difference between what the Westons were doing and proper music. One wonders if Weston was altogether comfamous recordings consisted of calculated musical butchery.
The incident involving Ir-

ving Berlin is a more serious affair. In the late 1950s, the impresario Norman Granz invited Weston to orchestrate and conduct for Ella Fitzger-ald in her Irving Berlin Song Book. The Cole Porter and Rodgers-and-Hart song books had already been issued, with spectacular results, and by the time Weston was invited to participate it was already clear that the series was making history. What is remark-able is that Weston should have said in public that he was never happy scoring Ber-lin's music because it was "too simple". It does not say much for Weston's sensibil-ities that he should have found the likes of Let's Face the Music and Dance, You're Laughing at Me. Lazy and many others "simple". Weston took no further part in the

March 1912; died September 20,



Perfect harmony . . . Paul Weston and Jo Stafford studying an arrangement in the studio

# Sorting out the psychiatrists

into the War Office's selection boards. Whose job was to screen potential officer material. The work brought him in touch with psychiatrists and nsychologists from the Tayiswere determined to set up a research institute that would staff colleagues and to the use the social sciences to council and the balance of

Initially, the Tavistock Insti-tute of Human Relations was trust of both sides part of the Tavistock Clinic; enter the Health Service and of Medical Psychology the accordingly the TIHR was sep-arately incorporated in 1947. clinic, which was retained to Sidney Gray helped to set it up and became company secre-tary, a post he held until he

RING the second an organisation which would world war, army ser- give scientists the maximum vice took Sidney Gray. participation consistent with council's legal responsibility. and this devolution has continued ever since. From the beginning, Sidney Gray was a

> ment committee His responsibility for finance and administration power between them was al-

In 1950, Grav became secre tary of the Tavistock Institute receive donations and bequests. He held this role until 1965. TIHR also set up a publishing arm, which was trans-The TIHR's council wanted ferred to a commercial pub-

tute staff helped set up the Family Discussion Bureau in 1948 and Gray was central to the transfer of what became the Tavistock Marital Studies Institute to the TIHR in 1956. The TIHR's structure promoted entrepreneurial devel-opment and by 1966, TIHR had been restructured as five units, while staff numbers rose from 12 to around 70.

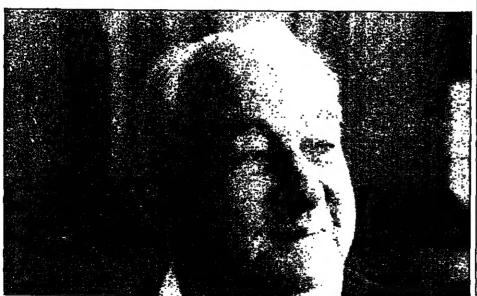
As secretary, Gray sup-ported the diversification while holding on to the TIHR's

From 1953 to 1975, Gray was the part-time secretary of the Institute of Psycho-Analysis. and he served as secretary. treasurer or consultant to such bodies as the Association of Social Research Associa-tions, the International Fourdation for the Quality of Working Life and the Ecole des Affaires de Paris

Sidney Gray is survived by his first wife, Queenie, and their sons Alan and Roger. and by his daughters of his second marriage, Joanna and Karin. He had eight erandchildren.

Eric Miller

Sidney George Gray, compan secretary, born July 14, 1914; died August 21, 1996.



Gray . . . helped set up the Tavistock Institute of Human Relations

Margaret Stanton writes: As Andrew Roth remarked. Julius Silverman (obituary, September 23) was a quiet man who never sought publiccommunities.

He was mentioned at this month's Trade Union Congress as the Member of Parliament who, on behalf of trade unions, presented the Redundancy Payments Bill to Parliament in 1963. It was rejected by the Conservative Government, but in 1964 it was adopted by the Labour covernment under Harold

That legislation laid down ights which have benefited thousands of workers during the last 30 years. It was a piece of history showing the benefits to a Labour government of guidance from trade unions on the needs of employees.

Julius Silverman had a lifeong commitment to anti-colonialism and anti-racism. Although India was his special concern for most of his political life, he always supported solidarity with people in struggle against oppressive regimes, for example in Vietnam, Chile and South Africa. To the end of his life he affirmed his socialist beliefs, which had first taken him into the Labour Party at the

age of 19.

My husband and I first worked closely with him when he gave great help to our small Birmingham-based group trying to get the release of political prisoners in Brit-ish Guiana before its independence from Britain, which was being prepared by the Labour government in 1966. He always insisted, with his lawyer's precision, that he was given a complete and accurate brief by those he was helping, and he was largely responsible for two long de-bates in the House of Commons, during the passage of the Independence Bill.

The political prisoners were guaranteed release, and Guyana was established that

# Doyen of the

AMED Bahauddin, who has died aged 69 after spending the last six years of his life in a coma following a stroke, was the doyen of Egyptian, and in-deed Arab, journalists. In 1952, he gave up a lucrative career at the bar to be-come a journalist - not then an esteemed profession — with Rose El-Yousef magazine.

This was after Bahauddin as a member of a devout Muslim family, challenged convention even more strongly by marrying a Coptic Christian, Daisy By 1956, at the age of 29, he had become editor-in-chief of

Sabahalkhair magazine and held the same office at the prestigious semi-official Al-Ahram daily (1974-1976) and the pan-Arab Kuwaiti maga-zine Al-Arabi (1976-1980). He was elected chairman of the Egyptian Journalists' Association and chairman of the Arab Journalists' Union.

As a writer, he helped es-tablish the "short daily column" commenting on current affairs. This meant simple standard Arabic. avoiding arcane references and flowery language and relying on short, rapiersharp sentences instead of the long-winded style.

An ardent supporter of the 1952 "revolution", he soon found himself in a dilemma after Nasser's nationalisation of the media. The draconian measures used against both the Muslim brothers and the communists (among whom he had many col leagues if not friends) disturbed him. When Nasser tightened censorship after the six-day war in 1967 Ba-hauddin did not conceal his opposition.

After Nasser's death, the dilemma continued with Sa-dat. In 1971, Sadat moved him from Dar-El-Hilal to become born 1927; died August 24, 1996.



editor-in-chief of Rose Elrefused to go. Such a stand was unheard of It added a great deal to his prestige among fellow journalists. He also disagreed with Sadat's policy of economic lib-eralisation and called for strict checks to restrain "fat cats" and weed out corrup-

Ahmed Bahauddin is sur-

19th century novel the basis for his own interpretation of realism, transferred from Aristarco had already found himself a lone defender of Lu-chino Visconti's La Terra Trems on the jury of the second post-war Venice Festival in 1948. The film only got an one of the three "international prizes" while the top award went to Laurence Oliviisconti's film was the first 'neo-realist" film to transmit a

Bahauddin . . . sharp prose

Birthdays Lucette Aldous, prima ballerina, 58; Julia Allison, gen-eral secretary, Royal College of Midwives, 57; Lynn Anderson, country singer, 49; Joe Brown, climber, 66; Lady Margaret Casson, architect, designer, 83; Andrea Dworkin, feminist and writer, 50; Bryan Ferry, rock singer and songwriter, 51; Air Comdre Irene Harris, former director, Nursing Ser-vice. RAF, 70; Dick Heckstall-Smith, saxophonist, 62; Sir James Hennessy, former Chief Inspector of Prisons. 73;

Ahmed Bahauddin, journalist,

# ity. Yet his work contributed both to the good of individuals and of whole communities

realistic historical perspec-Verga's naturalism — literally Yousef but Bahauddin in the case of La Terra Trema since he adapted it from the tis, in Aristarco's view, used naturalism only to reproduce tion. For this, he was seen nationally as a champion of the vulnerable and voiceless. He

was also critical of the Camp David accord and Sadat's peace strategy. He was not an advocate of short-term solu-tions based on the two planks favoured by Sadat: war and political agreement. As a dreamer, he wanted the Arabs to bridge the gap in ture and found it difficult to concede that those in power had to make policy decisionsfor the here and now, and were unlikely to satisfy

vived by his wife, a daughter. Laila, who is a diplomat, and a son Ziad, who took up the legal profession which his father deserted.

Khalid Al-Mubarak

### Sicilian's I Malaboglia, to a higher level of realistic art -John Francis Lane and of course in a Marxist context. Neo-realists like De San-

# Guido Aristanco, film critic, born

October 7, 1918; died September

# Death Notices

clean. Then I turned to the

next sucker."

DAY FIVE: So this more

ing there's this guy in the mirror, thinks he's so tough?

Got the big pecs? So what? Got the low body fat? So

what? Got the permanent

bulge in the pants? So what. I'll tell you one thing right

now: I don't like his attitude.

other one and said, "You're

# Jackdaw



# Door desire

DOOR MOLESTER ARRESTED! A man has been helping police with their enquiries after he was spotted trying to damage a shop's front door in a Forest town over the weekend.

From foot fetishists to door fetishists. This was the front page headline for The Forester, the No 1 Property Paper for the Forest of Dean. Thanks to Laura Phipps.

# Advertising?

"THE PUB WITH NO NAME" Priors Dean This one of the ten is:- IOTA RHO ALPHA It has: Marisotter, Goldings SG 1010 and takes in total 8/9 days. It took Gales 2 years research and experiment to perfect.

Roger and Sue Datchler on A particularly enigmatic ad vert printed in the Hampshire Chronicle last Friday. Thanks to Andrew Duckworth.

# Sexual healing

THIS journey begins from course you are entering a new world. It is a world where the obvious has remained secret, where the mundane becomes sacred, a world where poison becomes nectar and sex becomes a spiritual

In this course you will have an opportunity to rediscover what you may have known as a child, qualities of innocence and wonder, dynamic flowng energy, easy laughter and natural love, a space where life itself carries a quality of rienced as divine. Tantra has

developed simple methods of meditation, both for individuals and for love partners, which can help in Transform ing love relationships from the hell of misunderstanding to the heaven of conscious love. We will move step by step on this journey, remov-ing the layers of inhibitions and conditioning which prevents us from experiencing a

life of celebration. When there is a division inside with ideas of good and had, holy and unholy it be-comes impossible for us to find wholeness, we are at war with ourself. Perhaps that is why there is so much war among people and nations. because people are at war within themselves. The Tantric way helps us to discover the harmony of opposites,

and ecstasy.

This journey begins where we are, in this body, in this home, on this earth. A great Zen Master Hakuin is reported to have said: "This very body the Buddha, this very earth the lotus paradise." Tantra is perhaps the most ancient science known to man; it is the science of

using the human body and human sexuality as a path to self-realization or enlightenment. The Tantric term for the experience of self-realiza-tion or enlightenment is, The Ultimate Orgasm "or 'Orgasm with the Universe' For those wondering if Tantric sex was more than just a good way to learn a few new posi-tions, their web site at http://members.aol.com. ppdnet/tantra/index.htm Thanks to Gordon Joly.

# Not net

1. Thou shalt not use a computer to harm other people. Thou shalt not interfere with other people's computer work. 3. Thou shalt not snoop

around in other people's files.

4. Thou shalt not use a computer to steal. 5. Thou shalt not use a comouter to bear false witness 6. Thou shalt not use or copy software for which you have not paid.

8. Thou shalt not appropriate

7. Thou shalt not use other people's computer resources without authorization.

other people's intellectual output. Thou shalt think about the social consequences of the program you write. Thou shalt use a compute in ways that show consider-

ation and respect. The ten supposed commandments for computer ethics. If these were all applied, the net would be too boring to bother about. Taken from The Net: User Guidelines and Netiquette from the Computer Ethics In-stitute www.fau.edu/rinaldi/ net iquette.html

# Old age arc

DAY ONE: I was greeted in the lobby by Dr Franck's cheerful Germanic assistant, Igor, who lead me to an ozone smelling cubicle, where he injected me with a liquid exinjected me with a riquid ex-tract of fresh guinea pig and dog testicles. I felt nothing, except a vague sense of well-being and a slight but immediate thickening of my beard. Then Igor showed me around pointing out the Surveyor's room, where patients go to have their angle of erection checked, and the Rainbow

week calls their urinary arcs are measured. On the way home, I didn't like the look of the guy sitting next to me on the subway. So I coldcocked

DAYTWO: As instructed, I gave myself a Rogaine massage, but must have done something wrong. I have hair on my palms but not on my ead. I was pleased to see however, that overnight my



New Yorker . . . libido boost | bridge of the nose. Broke it

and that my abs now have that rippling, chiselled look. Gerry, the doorman, must be jealous of my transforma-tion, because he gave me a funny look and said. "Good morning, Mr McGrath," in a morning, Mr McGrain, in a smirking fashion. "Good morning, Gerry," I replied, "I mean, good night!" I let him have one upside the chin, and then I kicked his sorry ass

the other.

Robert Jones, MP, Minister

for Construction and Plan-ning. 46; Elfyn Llwyd, Plaid

Cymru MP. 45; Winnie Man-

dela, political activist, 60; Pa-

tricia Mann, vice-president,

J Walter Thompson, 59; Oli-

via Newton-John, pop

love handles had fallen off,

DAY THREE: Feeling libidinous. And when my A. of E. proved to be not all that I'd hoped (though still far superior to that of your average twenty-year old). I turned to my wife and said sweetly, "Honey, it's time for the needle." She started to scream. "Come on," I said. "It's just hydraulics — a fore-play thing." She still said no, and I was so honked off that I gave myself a face peel, touched up my hair colouring, and went across the street and duked it out with two cops standing on the cor-ner. I caught the first one with a rabbit punch to the

from one end of the lobby to

ing. So he whipped himself off to Dr Franck's clinic to get some youthful vigour. The New Yorker.

Not one bit. So I smacked him in the face — take that pall— and knocked myself into the middle of next week. Wanna make something of it? Charles McGrath tells of the effect hearing about hormone therapy for middle aged men had on him. He realised he had no libido and his maximum ejaculatory distance was noth

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# Finance Guardian

Ford will shed up to 1,000 UK jobs as part of world cuts ● Pledge of no compulsory redundancies | Notebook

# Halewood bears the brunt

Chris Barrie and

yesterday abruptly reopened a programme of intensive job cutting after a two-year lull with the news that it wants to shed up to 1,000 jobs from its UK plants by the and of the year. The bulk of the job losses will fall on the troubled Halewood factory on Mersey-side which is waiting to hear whether it will join sister plants on the Continent in

producing a new generation of Escorts. The news was rushed out last night after hasty meetings with Ford workers at its UK sites. But the announcement was coupled with a piedge that there would be no compulsory redundancies.

The UK market leader has more than halved its workforce since 1990 and now employs only 30,000 people. At the beginning of the 1980s the company had more than 80,000 workers in Britain but has been among the most aggressive of any of the leading carmakers in axing jobs to try to boost the efficiency of its

of the new job losses, at least 500 will fall on Halswood. Ford refused to confirm that the move was linked to news, reported in the Guardian last week, that the company is trying to outsource around 1,000 jobs from the Mersayaide plant as the the Merseyside plant as the price of committing new investment to make the new Es-

But observers believe the latest move is linked to Ford's affort to modernise Halewood and to entice suppliers to set up shop on the periphery of the site. The Government will be asked to provide financial assistance to suppliers.

bouring gearbox factory. In the first half of this year the car factory suffered repeated bouts of production cuts. By contrast the Dagenham plant in east London is working close to full capacity.

close to full capacity. Ford said it expected fewer than 200 jobs to go at Dagenham, fewer than 100 at the Southampton van plant, and fewer than 50 at Bridgend. The remainder will be spread around smaller sites.

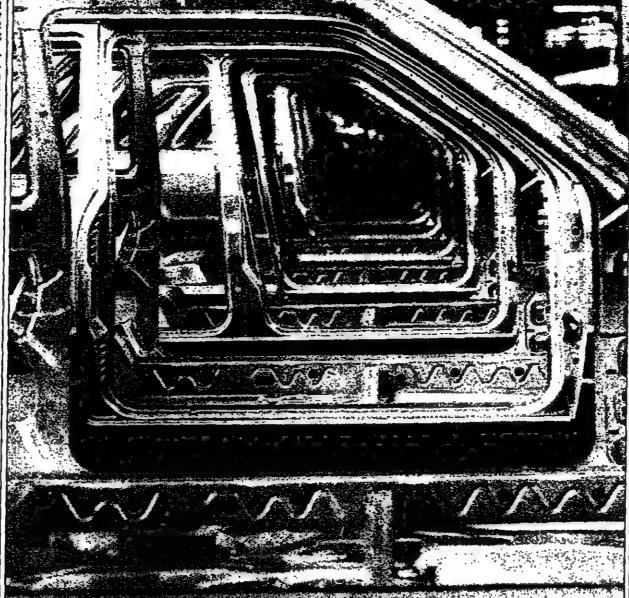
The company, currently enjoying the fruits of Britain's second biggest car market ever, said that 800 of the jobs to go would be hourly paid workers. The rest would be salaried positions.

A spokesman said that the A spokesman said that the cuts were part of a global programme of rationalisation being pushed through at all Ford plants. The cuts were not related to UK market conditions and should not be interpreted as an indication that it fears a downturn in the economy. economy. Similar cuts have been or-

dered in North America, the Asia-Pacific region and across the rest of Europe.
"This is a global programme to ensure that all out plants are fully competitive," the company said. "It is very important that all our plants can compete with other plants world-wide. British plants must be able to compete on a world-wide basis."

Sources at the Dagenham plant indicated that unions would be "relaxed" about the ob cuts, provided that Ford abided by its long-running commitment to avoid enforced redundancies. An enhanced early retirement scheme is expected to be unveiled shortly.

However, observers believe Ford's campaign to boost effi-ciency by axing huse numbers of jobs has backfired in the recent past. It has been forced Ford employs 4,500 in the to rehire on contract staff who car factory at Halewood, and had quit just a short time besnother 1,000 at the neigh-fore on lucrative pay-offs.



Production blow . . . at least 500 jobs will go at Halewood

# SFO director urges change to fraud juries

Dan Atkinson

Death Notice

RIAL BY jury of fraud cases has been "emascu-lated" by last week's judgment halting any further hearings into the Robert Maxwell affair, Serious Fraud Office director George Staple said yesterday. "A solution to this problem is now urgently required," he added.

Mr Staple said the com-bined effects of two court rul-ings — one into the Blue Arrow share-rigging case, the other into Maxwell — made it "the largest and most com-plex criminal cases" in front

of an ordinary jury.

"Tve always been a great supporter of juries [but]...in these very limited number of cases we have a problem." He nality is unlikely ever to come before a court por will suggested re-examination of come before a court, nor will the 1986 Roskill committee plans for the trial of fraud cases by a judge and two ex-

first statement on last week's raing by Mr Justice Buckley that there would be no further hearings into allegations against Kevin Maxwell, former chairman of the Maxwell Communication Corporation media group founded by his father, Robert Maxwell. The judge ruled that an ac-

quittal of Kevin Maxwell by jurors earlier this year on of people with academic or some of the SFO charges business qualifications.

ought to be the last word on

cases into a smaller number of "manageable" trials.

This practice, followed in the Maxwell trial, had in effect been ruled out by last week's decision, he suggested. As a result, complex fraud atlegations could be tried before

all the defendants. The system is thereby emasculated." The director, who returns Mr Staple was making his April, made it clear he ex-ret statement on last week's pected the SFO to be fully con-

> Mr. Staple described the Roskill committee as "very well-qualified", but said he did rule out other alternatives to the present system, chief among which would be the return of "special juries". abolished in 1970, composed

### Labour moves to reassure City with pledge not to over-regulate

O'Brien, yesterday pledged the party would not "over-regulate" the financial community, writes Sarah Whitebloom.

He said that although Labour was committed to creating one overall regulator, the party would con-sult the City on how best to form a single, statutory watchdog out of the existing two-tier system. Labour would not rush to establish it in the first year of gov-ernment, he added.

The new City spokesman, who took over from Alistair Darling at the end of his alleged role in the disappearance of £425 million of pension fund money.

Mr Staple — speaking to a financial crime conference at solicitors Titmuss Sainer Dechert - referred back to the appeal-court ruling into the Blue Arrow trial of 1991, when the court had called for "robust and early use" of the power to "sever" complex

sulted on any changes to the fraud-trial system.

N a further attempt to reassure the City, Labour's new Shadow Economic Secretary, Mike cracy and costs, rather than an attempt to create a tougher regime.

Mr O'Brien said Labour would back the current regulatory trend away from a rule-based approach to raising standards. He told the Independent Financial Advisers Association: "We would rather have four rules that work than 400 rules which are so complex they are barely understood and which stifle initiative." He added: "Regulation is

about creating confidence. Over-regulation stifles initiative and undermines

# NatWest moves to boost profits by selling £3bn of blue-chip loans

Lise Buoidnghem

ATIONAL Westminster Bank has decided to bundle up \$5 billion (£3.2 billion) of loans to large corporations and sell them on tempt to improve the profits it makes on feelings with big

companies. The bank denied it had de cided to securitise a part of its corporate loan book — the first time this has been done in Europe - because it made

such poor profits.

A NatWest executive claimed that by bundling up some of its most highly rated loans, the package would be attractive to investors and would free up about £250 million of capital which could be more profitably deployed. But analysts said a princi-

to prop up bank

the bank

pal analysis sant a principal motive was that NatWest's margins on lending to big corporations had become "increasingly thin" over the past 10 years and the

Julie Wolf in Brussels and

HE European Commi

sion yesterday allowed the French government to pump 3.9 billion francs (£490 million) in emergency funding into the troubled

Crédit Lyonnais bank while a new bail-out plan is drawn

Barely a year after the com-mission cleared a 45 billion franc restructuring plan for the state-owned bank, Euro-

pean Union Competition

Miert said that he expected Paris to put forward a "signif-

icant state-aid package" soon.

The commission yesterday also opened a formal investi-

gation into the new state aid

Approval of the stop-gap funding, which is to be spent

by the end of the year, is to ensure that the bank does not

Commission officials sig-

nailed, however, that further

eovernment money would

only be approved if Crédit Ly-

again move into the red.

Commissioner Karel Van

Alex Duval Smith in Paris

prove profits by aiming for thanks to the arrival of new taking that corporate lending higher volumes of business. | financing devices such as | was supposed to foster. Like other big banks, NatWest — which is esti-mated to lend to about a third of blue-chip UK companies relies on corporate lending to encourage a relationship

which may result in more profitable business. But the rates on lending to

loans to 300 companies in Britain, Europe and the US could jeopardise the relation-What securitisation means

Sticularitisation, according to the Dictionary of Finance, means simply "the substitution of securities for bank loans". In effect, banks put tegether a parcel of their loan axposure — it may be mortgages or, in Nativest's case, a office of the corporate lending book — and then sellshares in R.
Potestial investors are sup-posed to be tampted by the

high quality of the offering plus the easy tradeability of the marks. It's rather like a unit bank was now trying to im- trust for the big boys.

Mr Van Miert said that he

was under no illusions about the financial state of Crédit

Lyonnais. "In order to be ready for privatisation, there

is going to be a lot of public money needed for the bank," he said.

Much would depend on whether there were found to be any more "skeletons in the

Crédit Lyonnais, which is

due to unveil a third-quarter profit next week, could be due

for a government cash injec-tion of between Fr10 billion

and Fr25 billion under its third restructuring plan.

But an analyst with a com-petitor bank hinted that the

French government might

rave found a buyer for Credit

He said: "Crédit Lyonnais's

state of health is no better now than it was three months

ago:
"I do not understand why

the government wants it to

show a positive balance sheet

next week — unless it is close to finding a buyer."

For the bank or company doing the securitisation, the deal has the advantage of get-ting some unwanted exposure off its balance sheet. MatWest, on its beamer show, knowed; for example, will improve its capital ratios (the important and internationally agreed cri-teria which govern how much it can lend and spend) by 0.2 per cent. Not much as a

financing devices such as

commercial paper.
Shares in NatWest rose by

14p to 675 up as analysts sug-

gested the move would im-

prove the bank's perfor-

mance. But experts suggested

the decision to securitise

percentage, but in hard money tisst means chief executive, Derek Waniese, has an addi-tional \$250 million of fire-power for a takeover or more

was supposed to foster.
Nat West said, however. that the response from borrowers had been positive. By securitising these loans,

capacity to lend or spend elsewhere, as banks' outgoings are regulated by international banking covenants.

The bank declined to say where it plans to deploy its increased funds, although

market analysts speculated it could lead to a share buy back - the market is predicting a £450 million buy back next year — or a big acquisition such as the insurance group Legal & General, whose shares rose again yesterday and which has been frequently rumoured as a poten tial target for NatWest.

Several banks have already securitised their mortgage portfolios but analysts pointed out that these involved a large number of customers who do not have close links with their lender, unless they fall into default.

# to jump into the Net

on a powerful new entrant into home on-line services

RUPERT Murdoch's News International, bruised from its first attempt to break into the Internet business in the UK, is to make a second attempt next year — this time with the powerful support of British Telecom.

The two groups have camed up to develop a new Internet service, to be called Springboard, which promises to deliver enter-tainment, information and education to the home. BT already has a basic in-ternet access business and

other related services, such as Wireplay, which allows people to play computer games with each other over the Net. News International

flirted with the Internet in the UK when its parent, viders by the turn of the News Corporation, bought century."

Nicholas Bannister the American-owned Del-phi Internet business in 1993, for \$12 million. But Delphi failed to take off and was sold back to its management earlier this

year. Springboard will draw on information from the Times, Sunday Times, Sunday Times, Sunday Times, Sun. News of the World and other papers owned by Mr. Murdoch's media empire. The amount and type of information has yet to be decided. For example, no decision has yet been taken on whether page three of the Sun will be available.

News International stressed that the new serrice would be very "parentfriendly". A spokeswoman said it would offer the same sorts of parental controls over content as the BSkyB satellite TV service. RT and News Interna

tional will have equal stakes in the new venture. Ed Ogonek, BT's head of on-line content services, sald: "We expect to be one of the top three service pro-

# Capital wheeze is no great boon



Edited by Mark Milner

ANKERS have always Been go-betweens, pro-viding the bridge between those who had money and those who needed it and were prepared to pay for it. The skill was in allowing depositors reasonable access to their money while at the same time lending on a much

longer term basis.
The reward lay in the different rates banks could charge borrowers and lenders. The risk was that borrowers would go bust, leaving the bank to pick up the bill. So much for banking, old style. Today's banks are dif-

ferent, looking to earn more of their profits from fees (payments for services) rather than from interest income. That is why many have bought investment banks. fund managemers and insur-ance companies.

National Westminster, how-ever, is taking the process of banking evolution a stage further. It is percelling up some \$5 billion (£3.2 billion) worth of loans to some 300 corporate customers, securitising them and passing the parcel to a group of investors.

leaves it as a bridge between lender and borrower but the crucial difference is that as far as the \$5 billion is con-cerned, it is no longer the bank's capital which is at

in context. NatWest is hardly pulling out of corporate lending. The \$5 billion is only about one third of the general porate loan book of its NatWest Markets offsboot. Nor is it based on any kind of necessity. The securitisation process does free up capital, but that is hardly in short supply at NatWest Capital adequacy ratios are healthy and only recently the bank felt able to give back a hefty chunk of cash back to

shareholdera. NatWest argues that the move allows it to take \$5 billion out of what is a very competitive and thus low margin business, allowing it shareholder value elsewhere. In doing so it is bringing in new lending capacity because the investors who will buy

the securitised loans would not have been able to lend to the companies individually. Nor does it believe the exercise will damage its relation-ship with those companies whose loans it is passing on. For NatWest the exercise is one which simply makes the process of "intermediation" between lender and borrower

more efficient. Well up to a point, Lord Alexander. It is easy to see why NatWest is attracted by freeing \$5 billion of lending capacity from a business where returns are wafer thin.

the bank greater balance sheet flexibility. There is perhaps in time of greater capital constraint, repeating the process. But it could be argued that

the whole thing will simply encourage top quality corporate borrowers to cut out the "intermediation" and go direct to the capital markets instead of the banks. It is not as if, these days, they need anyone to show them the way. There is also the question of

what NatWest will do with the extra lending capacity it has created. It could lend the money to yet more corpo-rates. But top quality borrow-ers would provide the same low returns. Higher returns would involve greater risk. Alternatively it could es-chew fresh lending and use that part of its own capital

freed up by the exercise to help fund an acquisition or to give yet more cash back to its shareholders

The first looks unlikely. NatWest has the financial muscle to buy what it wants without running down its loan book to do so. As for a share buyback: it is one thing to fund such an operation from surplus capital, another to do so by cashing in high quality if low margin loans. That might suit shareholders but it is hardly where banks fit into the wider economy.

Jury joit

ONG and complex fraud trials, by their nature, place a strain on the patience and understanding of ordinary juries. Trying to lighten the burden is proving

difficult to say the least.
As he made clear yesterday, Serious Fraud Office director George Staple is understandably frustrated with a legal system which, on the one hand, tells him his organisation should chop up such long complex cases so that they can be dealt with by a series of small trials, then, on the other, says such severances should be "unusual".

Mr Staple's response is that, in a limited number of cases, it might be better to consider whether trial by tury is the best approach.

One alternative worth a look, in Mr Staple's view, is that recommended by the Roskill committee a decade ago, involving a judge sitting with two lay assessors. Other critics have suggested that jury selection might be lim-ited to those who might be expected to have a better understanding of the issues involved in such trials.

It is hard not to have some and with the jurors who have to sit through hour after hour, day after day, week after week of often highly technical evidence, much of it baving little to do with their own experience.

But that should not be allowed to deflect from the importance of maintaining the present system. Roskill panels or specialist juries may prove more effi-cient but it is hard to see members of the public having confidence in a system that

deals with matters ruled too

complex for them to

# Commission agrees BT joins with Murdoch Pru hopes to go one up on the big banks

Lista Saiged

HE MAN from the Pru, no longer content with merely arranging life insurance, is repositioning himself as a door-to-door bank manager. The Prudential, Britain's

biggest life insurer, signalled its entry into the highly competitive world of retail banking yesterday, with a range of telephone and postal savings accounts and mortgages, backed up by personal visits. The service, Prudential Banking, cost £70 million to set up, and will offer the com-pany's six million customers a high interest deposit account and a 60-day notice account. Both accounts, which pay interest on a daily basis, are promised to pay about one

the average rate offered the ten largest banks and build-The Pru is also bringing in mortgages which claim to remove the hidden charge

and "strange" practices that have developed among traditional lenders. Mike Harris, who was poached last year from Cable and Wireless to head the operation, said the new products were designed to expel the "irritants" hidden in mortgages,

such as interest overcharging and piecemeal rate changes. The Prudential pays out more than £1 billion a year in maturing policies, with 70 per cent of this money staying in as much as one year after it is paid. By offering a banking service, the company hopes to pump the cash back into its

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Fund forecasts faster growth, but presses for more labour market reform. Alex Brummer reports

# IMF gives boost to monetary union

union will be eased by faster growth on the Continent this year and next. the International Monetary

Fund forecast yesterday.
The Fund suggests that the current policy thix of tighter budgets, lower interest rates and the depreciation of European exchange rates against the dollar makes it more likely that monetary union can begin on time in 1999. without the risk of crisis on the financial markets.

Across the European Union the IMF forecasts low growth of 1.6 per cent this year. largely as a result of sluggish economies in Germany, France and Italy. However. with the pace of expansion now starting to pick-up, the Fund believes that Europe can achieve 2.5 per cent growth in 1997 and this will help to strengthen the world economy, with growth reaching 4.1 per cent — the best

Among the reasons for the | fied with budget deficits at 3

Barratt makes

plans to build

Pauline Springett.

much of the former Soviet empire, with Russia finally expected to pull out of the tailspin prompted by economic

The Fund believes that the improved growth now coming through will boost the chances of larger EU countries meeting the Maastricht criteria. But it still has grave concerns about the prospects for EMU after 1999 unless additional efforts are made to reduce the growth of public spending, reform labour markets so as to bring down unacceptably high levels of unemployment and to deregulate business.

On the budgetary front, the IMF applauds the afforts made in Dublin at the weekend to put in place a stability pact designed to keep down ward pressure on budget deficits. But IMF chief economist Michael Mussa was adamant that over the medium-term Europe should not be satis-

he drive towards better global outlook is the per cent of gross domestic European monetary reversal of the downturn in product — it should be aimproduct — it should be aim-ing for near fiscal balance. The Fund argues that "sig-nificant backsliding" on already announced efforts to control budget deficits would have "severe implications for interest rates and financial

market confidence" and could derail the EMU process". Among the Fund's greatest concerns in Europe are the problems in the labour market which it believes have contributed to "a dramatic

### Backsliding on budget deficits could derail the EMU process'

upward trend in unemployment over the last 25 years" It urges Europe to adopting the radical labour market reforms seen in New Zealand in recent years as a means of achieving better

less rate and taking some of the pressure off domestic budgets. Changes recommended include an end to

payments, tightening criteria for dole payments, cutting

growth, bringing down the

restraining rises in minimum The US economy, under President Clinton, comes in for some rare praise from the IMF, which for much the last decade was a severe critic of US fiscal policy and its effects

1970 75 80 globe. It says that the US "has I rates before too long: particubeen particularly successful in recent years in achieving a righ level of employment and maintaining growth at close to its potential rate with low

inflation"

Inflation

The Fund's chief economist hose not to quarrel with the Federal Reserve's decision on Tuesday not to raise the federal funds — the US market interest rate — before the November elections. But there are plainly concerns ahead. With unemployment close to 5 per cent in the US, the American economy is seen to be in untested territory.

Concern is expressed that output growth is now threatening to exceed levels consis tent with low inflation and the Fund believes that it may

Output

US Japan Germany UK

iar risks will arise should the US growth rate start to pick up again lowards the 3 per cent level against the 2.4 per cent projected for 1996 and 2.3 per cent in 1997.
The IMF believes that

Japan has finally pulled itself out of the doldrums of the first half of the 1990s and should achieve strong growth of 3.5 per cent this year, the best performance among the G7 industrial countries. But the Japanese government may soon have to consider whether the current loose fiscal policies and low interest rates can be safely retained for much longer.

World Economic Outlook Published by the International Monetary Fund. Washington DC. October 1996.

sold its Erasco food business

in Germany to America's

Campbell Soup corporation

The British group is ex-

pected to raise up to £150 million from the sale of under-

performing European foods

operations such as Brassard

which have dragged down the results of GrandMet.

Last year European foods

reported operating profits of just £23 million on turnover

for £140 million.

af £600 million.

# **CBI opposes Budget** giveaway

arry Elliott

Confederation of British Industry yes-terday told the Chancellor to rule out a giveaway pre-election Budget in November and urged the Government to concentrate on cutting state borrowing. Calling for a "prudent" package, the employers' organisation said Kenneth

Clarke should spurn the de-mands of his backbenchers for voter-friendly measures. Adair Turner, the CBI's di-rector-general, said the main priority for Mr Clarke was to keep the economy on a course for steady growth. "If that means a boring Budget, we wouldn't object to that."

A shortfall in tax revenues

has meant that the improvement in the public finances has been far slower than the Treasury expected and the CBI expressed concern yesterday that with no action in the Budget the public sector borrowing requirement in 1997-88 could be almost £28 billion. Mr Turner said the state of the public finances was the one negative part of an otherwise rosy economic picture. On public spending, the CBI argued for a £5.3 billion cut in

the control total, of which £3.3

billion would be savings made because inflation has been lower than expected. In addition, industry leaders would like Mr Clarke to cut £2 billion from his contingency reserve, which pays for unforseen expenditure. Mr spending cuts might be poss-ible, but the CBI did not want to see the axe taken to education, training and infrastruc-

Although the £2 billion from the contingency reserve

would be enough to cut the basic rate of income tax by a penny in the pound to 23 pence, the CBI said tax cuts should be limited to a maximum of £1 billion. It added that any cuts should be directed towards higher personal allowances to take more people out of tax completely. rather than lowering the basic rate. This will help address the disincentive effect presently created by the combined impact of tax and benefit withdrawal," it said. ogby League

The CBI acknowledged that the scope for reductions in business taxation was also limited, but proposed mea-sures costing a total of £400 million aimed at helping small and medium-sized enterprises. These included extending the Enterprise In-vestment Scheme, allowing more companies to pay the lower rate of corporation tax, making the raising of equity finance tax deductible and giving tax breaks for research and development.

Over the longer term, the CBI is urging a full review of capital gains tax, including the option of taxing longerterm gains at a lower rate, a proposal that has echoes of the Labour party's call for two-tier capital gains tar. It also stressed the desirab-lity, when affordable, of allow-

ing 100 per cent first-year capital allowances on the first £200,000 of capital expenditure to boost investment. Andrew Buxton, chairman

of Barciays Bank and head of the CBI's economic committee, said the CBI was looking for a cautious Budget "Radi cal action is not needed to support competitiveness and economic growth - what is needed above all is continuity of the more stable economic conditions we have achieved over the past four years."

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### News in brief

# **Brent fends off** former chief

BRENT Walker yesterday won a High Court injunction preventing George Walker, its founder and former chairman, from attempting to wind up the leisure group. Mr Walker was threatening to seek a winding-up order against his debt laden former empire over a £6.25 million legal wrangie. It is believed he planned to launch the action if Brent Walker did not pay the

money into a trust account within one week. Yesterday's move stops him from attempting a winding-up before 9 October. Mr Walker's demands follow a French court's decision to award him £3.28 million plus interest in respect of his dispute with Brant Walker. The company is appealing against the verdict — and so claims that the award is unenforceable Mr Walker is also appealing, in the hope of getting the award increased to £18 million. - Sarah Whitebloom

# Loral flies high

LORAL Space & Communications, the US satellite group, is to acquire AT&T's SkyNet Satellite Services for \$712.5 million (£457 million), creating one of the world's largest satellite-based

The agreement, which is expected to take six months to complete, represents a bold step by Loral to rival satellite networks owned by General Motors and the government consortium, Intal-sat. The move comes less than a week after General Motors' Hughes Electronics arm agreed to buy PanAmSat for \$3 billion to create a company with 14 satellites in orbit. — Dominic Walsh

# Orimulsion is off

ENVIRONMENTAL campaigners celebrated last night after PowerGen announced the closure of the Ince power station which burns the controversial fuel Orimulsion. PowerGen said the closure of the 500 megawatt station near Chester was for economic reasons. Friends of the Earth said the closure from next March with the loss of 41 jobs was a death blow to the fuel — a mixture of bitumen and water, imported from Venezuela, and sometimes dubbed "the world's dirtiest".

A National Power remains committed to using Orimulsion at Pembroke power station."



Home news . . . Barratt chairman, Sir Lawrie Barratt (right), with chief executive Frank Eaton, says house prices rose 5pc this year Photograph, garry wealth

# **Greenpeace woos business**

Roger Cowe

T A ground-breaking business conference in London yesterday, environment group Greenpeace called on companies to step into the void left by politiclans and take a lead in developing solutions to environmental problems.

Greenpeace executive di-rector Peter Melchett said the organisation wanted to work with business to develop alternatives to damaging fossil fuels, chlorine-based chemicals and plastics.

"The new environmental struggle is to put solutions into practice. Solutions are only prevented from becom-

business and politics and starved of interest and investment," he told an audience of executives from more than 70 leading companies.

Opening the conference on the role of business in the wake of the Brent Spar affair two years ago, consultant John Elkington said Shell's defeat over sinking the redundant oil platform had changed the thinking in Britain's tal issues.

Companies had begun to realise they could not rely solely on scientific analysis and agreements with governments and that environmen-

ing mainstream because they tal issues were part of a are suppressed ... held back broader ethical arena. by specific vested interests in "Brent Spar marked the watershed in business thinking. Successful companies of the future will have to work out ways of engaging even groups like Greenpeace in the

evolution of their environ-

mental strategies. But Mr Melchett warned that "solutions campaigning" did not mean an end to confrontational action. "Co-operation is a part of, not an alternative to, confrontation. At the same time as we are working with one part of a com-pany, such as BP on solar energy, we are campaiging against another arm of BP opening up a new oil field off the Shetlands," he said.

# GrandMet offloads £140m optician was on the market, comes just two weeks after the group

Lisa Buckingham

RAND Metropolitan the food and drink com-pany, yesterday ended one of its less happy business associations with the sale of Pearle, the optician, for

GrandMet has sold the USbased operation to Cole National Corporation, an American optician, for a price which was at the upper end of market expectations. Shares rose 5p to 476p as a result.

The long awaited disposal is part of GrandMet's strategy of honing its business down to food and drink. The company had refused to become a

ing that the business should be turned into a profit maker pefore buyers were sought. Pearle, which has a network of more than 870 outlets in North America, the Caribbean and Europe, had sales of

£232 million in the year to last September on which it made £10 million operating profit. According to GrandMet, which acquired Pearle in 1985, the assets included in the deal total £150 million, of which £64 million is regarded as the value of the Pearle brand name. The value does not include £265 million of goodwill which will be writ-

to food and drink. The com-pany had refused to become a forced seller of Pearle, insist-Met denied that the business

# Underside

Dan Atkinson \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

HE Chancellor is either chronically gaffe-prone or has bee treated with that powerful truth drug featured in one particularly amusing Tintin adventure. On top of his explosive confessions of full-blown Europhilia, Three Pints was recently at lunch with a crew of smallbusiness types. What, he was asked, were the dangers facing the economy.
"There are only two," he
replied, "the possibility of a Labour government and how to avoid paying extra

realities of life under the baron's favourite political party. An item on September 20 headed: "Chance for directors in Labour tax regime" puffs a seminar by solicitors Clifford Chance this week in which lawyers will suggest "it might be worthwhile for directors to speed up their bonus plans to help avoid paying income tax". The article says: "Certainly it is not the intention of Clifford Chance to advise the better the contract to the to advise the better-off on

"Mrs Gunn attacked her parsimonious husband with an egg whisk after an argument over how much sugar she had put in her coffee. She'd used 53 grains instead of 45."

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wrong. Hays Accountancy Personnel's survey today lists the "small, inexpen-sive perks" that can make the difference between a happy workforce and a mu-tinous crew. These perks are costed — staff biscuit tin (22.50), birthday cake (£12), subsidised drinks cabinet (£50 a month; optimistic, we would have thought). And then there is "leave early on Friday", a day off for Christmas shopping and another for birth-days. All, according to Hays, are free! Of course, time off is not actually costfree; perhaps Hays means it is free for the company, in that the remaining employ-ees will have to work harder. Give us a Grad-grind over a Hays-approved

> OB culture has claimed another victim — the CBL Yesterday's unveiling of the bosses' Budget proposals (an austere package, no doubt to suck up to Labour) at Centre Point was marred by a Quatermass-style

guvnor any day.

what I might have to do to prevent one."

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> T'S official: after last week's staying of further criminal proceedings, the sole culprit of the £425 mil-lion Maxwell pension scan-dal can be named — Charles Nissen. Who he? A right vil-

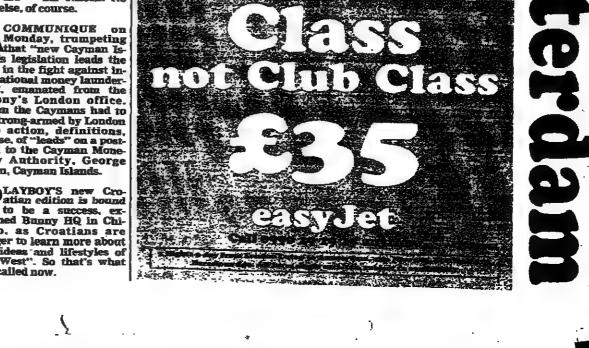


chairman of the regulator IMRO, which had taken heavy flak over the Maxwell affair. He defended his staff and stood down on the grounds that someone had to do the right thing. Some-one did — Mr Nissen. No one else, of course.

Monday, trumpeting that "new Cayman Islands legislation leads the way in the fight against international money laundering", emanated from the colony's London office. Given the Caymans had to be strong armed by London into action, definitions, please, of "leads" on a post-card to the Cayman Monetary Authority. George Town, Cayman Islands.

DLAYBOY'S new Croatian edition is bound to be a success, explained Bunny HQ in Chicago, as Croatians are eager to learn more about ideas and lifestyles of West". So that's what







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follow the highly successful policy of his brother Sheikh Mohammed in taking horses to the Gulf, although the crucial difference is that they will not race under the Godol-phin banner with Saeed bin Surcoor when returned to Britain.

Several Dunlop two-yearolds will be leaving in two or three weeks' time, including the highly rated Sahm and Shawaf, while the Dick Herntrained Sarayir, a half-sister to Nashwan, is likely to join

ber of the better two-year-olds

Hamdan has 240 horses in training in this country, of which 110 are two-year-olds.

tremely successful and you can understand why it has been decided to take advan-

As long as he is assured he will be trainer next year there should be no reason for him to have reservations judging by the subsequent performances of Dubai-wintered horses such as Balanchine. Lammtarra, Moonshell, Mark

The advantage gained from the winter warmth seems most marked in the spring and Bahbare's prospects of be considerably enhanced. It had already been decided that this unbeaten but still immature colt would not race again

The principal contest yes-terday was the R.O.A. Foun-dation Stakes in which the well-backed Hagwah made all weil-backed Hagwan made all the running to beat Overbury. Michael Roberts stole a march on his rival jockeys and at one stage was almost 15 lengths clear. He gave his mount a breather approach-ing the two-furlong marker and as a result had plenty left to hold off the challengers.

Fahim, the favourite, needs to be held up, but the way the

is being sent to race on the sand during the winter.

John Reid rode his 100th winner of the season when partering Voyagers Quest to a neck victory over Stanton Harcourt in the St Ivel Gold

Maiden Stakes.
The ever-reliable Reid, who seems to make very few mistakes, rates his Eclipse Stakes win on Halling and Prix Salamandre success on Revoque as the highlights of his

News on the Arc front is that John Oxx has decided not to supplement Timarida, his impressive winner of the Irish Champion Stakes. She will stick to a mile and a quarter with the Newmarket Champion as her objective. The only significant mar-

ket-mover yesterday was Michael Stoute's Pilsudski, who was clipped from 20-1 to 14-1 by Coral's, At Goodwood this after

noon the front-running Wiz-ard King (4.00) may carry too many guns for the threeyear-old Tagula, who has not run since finishing fifth in the Irish 2,000 Guineas.

Filmore West (4.30) has a good chance on his second to Mohawk River at York three weeks ago.

The nap is Southerly Wind (3.50) at Pontefract on the strength of a good second to Foxes Tail in a mile nursery at Ayr last week.

**SPORTS NEWS 13** Racing winter warmth Chris Hawkins AHHARE, the 5-1 AHHARE, the 5-1 favourite for the 2,000 Guineas, will spend the winter in Dubai before coming back to John Dunlop's this season. stable next spring. Hamdan Al-Maktoum, the colt's owner, has decided to

> to hold off the challengers. race was run never looked likely to make his presence felt and finished third. He, too. is Dubal-bound but

them after running in Sun-day's Fillies Mile at Ascot. "The plan is to take a num-

to benefit from the climate," said Angus Gold, racing manager to Hamdan Al-Maktoum.
"But as yet there is no final

Dunlop expects to make the occasional trip to Dubai to see how things are going, but the horses will be under the daily supervision of his assistant Gerard Butler.
"Results have been ex-

tage of the climate," said Dun-lop, speaking at Goodwood yesterday and doing his best to look pleased.

minute try from Hammond the best of the match. But they did have four "tries" disallowed by the local referee Tony Kuni; the Test will be controlled by an Australian Super Of Esteem, Classic Cliche and Halling.

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Setting: 4-5 Heatumira, 5-1 North End Lady, 6-1 Golf Land, 8-1 Water Fort, 16-1 Monster Life Of A Lord, winner of the Whitbread Gold Cup in April, had to be put down after shattering an off-fore fetlock joint in sterday's Guinness Kerry National Handicap Chase at

Blinkered today for the first time: GOODWOOD: 4.30 Apache Len; 5.35 Shady Girl. PONTEFRACT: 3.50 Real Fire; 4.20 Skillington. PERTH: 2.10 Kernof.

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### **Rugby League**

PNG President's XIII 8 Great Britain 34

# Powell makes Test case

# Andy Wilson In Mount Hagen

WITH five minutes of Great Britain's opening tour game gone and 10 points on the scoreboard, the 12 players experiencing rugby league in Papua New Guinea for the first time must have been wondering when all been wondering what all the fuss was about.

They had been led to expect tough opposition and a packed, hostile crowd; instead Keith Senior and David Bradbury, both international debutants, had run in simple tries to polite applause from less than 1,000 locals in the ram-shackle stadium here.

Three hours later, however, the youngsters were mightily relieved not only to have come away with an impressive win against ag-gressive and skilful oppo-nents but also to have made the last flight back to Lae. They were grateful, too, for the caiming influence of their captain Daryl Powell, the only one of Britain's 17-man squad who had played in PNG before. The crowd built up con-

siderably as the President's XIII made the Lions fight for every point, especially after the gates were thrown open and the six-kina admission charge was waived shortly after half-time to prevent any trouble outside the ground. A predictable but good-natured pitch invasion at full time was repelled by several police with flerce looking dogs who protected the British squad until they were whisked to the bus, a nearby hotel to shower and

then to the plane.

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3.00 Press On Micks



Gripping encounter . . . Barrie-Jon Mather holds firm under pressure during Great Britain's opening tour game in Papua New Guinea

which was abandoned after 60 minutes because of a riot which claimed four lives. but it was still enough to have the Castleford halfing if we would get out of

there alive". It did not worry Powell. The 31-year-old, who was recently appointed Keighley player/coach in succession to Phil Larder, came

Goodwood with form for the Jackpot races

4.30 Filmore West (nb)

domestic fixture in Lae. Paul Newlove; his perfor-which was abandoned after mance, initially at stand-off but for more than half the game as a remarkably in-fluential right-wing, must have the Castleford half-back Tony Smith "wonder-Test cap.

Larder was full of praise for Powell. "I have always been a big Daryl fan," Great Britain's coach said. "He has been superb all week, especially with the younger players. He is a It was uneventful stuff on tour only as a late born leader and he will be a compared to last Sunday's replacement for the injured bloody good coach."

3.30 HOOF HAVES RATED HANDSCAP 21 ST, 448

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Powell set up the first try clever pass from the St Hel-for Senior and played the key role in second-half Hammond, but it was his scores for James Lowes and Smith which made the game safe. But in the intervening 50 minutes it was Oldham's young back-row forward Bradbury, another whose selection raised a number of eyebrows, who took the eye, doing enough to win the players' vote as man of the match.

Bradbury's try was simple enough, taking a

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fierce defence which marked him out as another contender for Saturday's Test team. Larder was happy with the victory, considerably more comfortable than

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many previous tour openers in PNG, although he conceded that there was a sloppy spell in the second quarter when they were held to 10-4 until a 50th-

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4.30 (68f) 4, SCISSOR RIDGAR, R Mullen (6-1), 2, Pricks of Harring (20-1); 3, John O'Dreasns (13-2); 4, Square Course (9-1); 5, John O'Dreasns (13-2); 4, Habbury 10, CSF; C55.00, CSF; C147.17, Tracest E1,050.46
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# **EUROPEAN SOCCER**



Left Wright  $\dots$  the Arsenal striker makes no mistake with his less-favoured foot to bring the Gunners level at 1–1 on half-time last night

Uefa Cup, first round, second leg: Borussia Moenchengladbach 3, Arsenal 2 (agg: 6-4)

# **Battling Arsenal learn home truths**

Martin Thorpe in Cologne

RSENE WENGER's first match in charge of Arsenal ended yesterday but his new team came a glorious second here. For all Arsenal's spirit and fight, they could not match Borussia's slick attacks and clinical finishing which exuded a ruthlessness that Wenger will view as a priority to inject into his new side.

The German side were full of gamesmanship and fell the atrically at the merest hint of a tackle but they redeemed themselves whenever they broke forward, exploiting Ar-

"We came to have a go." said Wenger's No. 2. Pat Rice. "In the end we were disappointed." Ultimately that 3-2 defeat at home in the first leg proved too much.

In the tradition of much of Arsenal's season they had to go behind last night before showing their best. But they came back impressively and at 2-1 ahead on the night needed only one more goal to pull off a remarkable victory. Even when the Germans made it 2-2 a third goal would have earned Arsenal extratime but, in pushing forward,

stead it was Borussia who

they left themselves under-

staffed at the back and in-

then pouncing on the break. I have pulled this tie out of the bag. In the first 20 minutes Hartson and Wright worked clear chances but, despite taking aim. both hit their shots straight at the goalkeeper. Though the Germans had

been active at the other end. with Seaman having to block shots from Pettersson and Juskowiak, it was just when Arsenal were applying sustained pressure as they tried to bludgeon their way through that Borussia scored with a rapier thrust.

Wright lost possession out-side the Borussia area and the ball was relayed to Effenberg. His first-time pass allowed Juskowiak. who had opened the scoring at Highbury, to get on the wrong side of Lin-Had Arsenal's strikers been Ighan and shoot past Seaman.
as accurate they might well Arsenal dug in, regrouped

and two minutes before the break equalised when Merson's long free-kick was nodded to Wright by Hartson and the striker scored his 15th goal in 17 European ties.

Wenger changed to a back four after the break, maintaining the team's momentum with the eventual introduction of fresh legs and more vigour in the tackling, so disrupting the Germans' flow and their classy one-twos.

Four minutes into the half and Arsenal went ahead, some quality one-twos of their own by Vieira and Winterburn ferrying the ball to Platt who fed Merson. Standing about 25 yards out, the revelation of Arsenal's season looked up. took aim and unleashed one of his specials But, as Arsenal pushed for there were simply too many the winner, the Germans Germans back for any sort of were often allowed to break shot to get through. In injury time Borussia broke away again. Wynhoff into the sort of striking positions that they know bow to exploit. At first the swift one-

surging down the left and pulling the ball back for the unmarked Juskowiak to score line came to nothing. Juskowiak shooting wide, his second goal of the night. then miscueing his lunge at a It was a disappointing end to a brave performance. Wenzer immediately left for the airport to fly back to

> couraged by what he saw and perhaps concerned at what he did not. Passiaci Fourner, Anderson Neum, Effenberg, Lopescu (Stadler, 49mm), Schne.cer, Nyelsen (Wynhoff 73), Inskowsk, Penerson (Hochstater 6)

> Japan but will have been en-

The second-half substitutes Parlour and Helder made some threatening runs down both wings but either the

Champions League Group A Rangers 1, Auxerre 2

# Rangers fall to Deniaud double

Patrick Glenn

dure another hard night in Europe in a ess rather than wit was their main weapon. For most of the match, it was an inade quate tool, allowing Thomas Deniaud to poach a two-goal lead for Auxerre before Paul Gascoigne pulled one back 20 minutes from the end.

The Scottish champions' determination to impose them-selves on a crucial match was manifest in the first 15 minutes when they put their op-ponents under unrelenting

But to the disappointment of the home crowd, their early efforts failed to bear fruit, even if there were a couple of anxious moments for a French desence still trying to familiarise themselves with each other's play.
In the absence of their regu-

lar central defensive partnership of Silvestre and Zelic. Auxerre had to play the largely unrehearsed combination of West and Danjou and Rangers tried to upset them as early as possible.

The first to trouble Char-

bonnier was Paul Gascoigne with a wickedly struck free-kick from the right which the goalkeeper failed to hold at his near post and conceded a

Gascoigne had another opportunity soon afterwards from Laudrup's impeccable right-wing centre, but in trying to place the ball deliberately away to the far post the England midfielder merely sent it across the six-yard box to Danjou, who cleared. Rangers' lack of success

during that period swelled Auxerre's confidence and by the time Saib had their first shot at goal, the ball drifting wide from 30 yards' range, the French champions had begun to carry the game further orward.

However the impression remained that they lacked conviction, almost as if they were a little worried that slapping Rangers on the face would bring painful

Gough almost opened the coring with a powerful, accurate header from Albertz's cross which beat Charbonnier to his left, but was cleared almost from the goalline by Lamouchi

Anfield awaits big fry

The intensity of confrontations in these games leads al-most inevitably to misdemeanours and four were cautioned during the first half — Diomede and Violeau of Auxerre and Gascoigne

and Moore of Rangers.
Even before the striker Deniaud gave Auxerre the lead after 54 minutes, it was impossible to escape the impression that the French team, perhaps during the in-terval, had convinced themselves that they could do. some damage.

There was a confidence about their forward surges which had not been there be-fore. Diomede typified this more positive attitude when he held the ball on the left long enough to tease Moore into the challenge and skipped past him before delivering the ball to the head of Deniaud who, from 10 yards, glanced it away to the left of Goram and into the net....

Diomede could have scored soon afterwards, too, when he was released by a perfectly weighted lob from Salb and bore down on Goram. The left-foot shot from 15 yards would have left the gual-keeper helpless, but it was inches out and the ball bounced off the outside of the

dark night became even blacker for Rangers in the 68th minute when Deniaud added his second. A corner from the right landed on the head of the big forward and unchallenged, he simply notded it over the line from four

Gascoigne brought a little light just three minutes later, however, when he rose to Laudrup's centre from the right and, from 12 yards, bul-leted a header into Charbon-Rangerez Goram: Moore Gough, Sporlund, Cletand; McInnes, Quecogn, Aberte, Laufrup, Duris, Van Venes, Auxerree Charbonnier: Gone, Onițo, West, Asbarvony, Lemoschi, Hans. Violeau, Salb Deniaud, Diomete.

# Atkinson and Hoddle wants many happy returns face second FA charge

Peter White

THE Coventry City man-ager Ron Atkinson and his assistant Gordon Strachan were charged with bringing the game into disre-pute by the Football Association yesterday.

The pair were seen on television arguing with the officials after a contentious goal for Chelsea during the match at Stamford Bridge in August. A handball by Dan Petrescu from a throw out by the Cov-entry goalkeeper Steve Ogrizovic was not acknowledged by the referee or linesman and Frank Leboeuf went on to score the first goal in a 2-0

To add to the woes, Coventry's centre-half Liam Daish faces a similar charge. He was sent off by the referee Paul Danson for foul and abusive language during the mélée that followed Leboeuf's goal but the charge relates to an incident outside the referee's dressing-room after the game.

Daish was sent off again on Tuesday night in the Coca-Cola Cup victory at his previous club Birmingham, Atkin-son, Strachan and Daish have been given 14 days to respond to the charges.

It is the second time this season that Atkinson and Strachan have been charged with disrepute. In a reserve game against West Bromwich Albion on August 29, Stra-chan refused to leave the field after being shown the red card, which held up the game for 14 minutes. Atkinson later confronted the referee Tony Green in the dressing-room. He and Strachan have

requested personal hearings.
The FA will decide in the next few days whether to charge Ian Wright with misconduct for pulling Regi Blinker's dreadlocks in the Monday night game with Monday night game with Sheffield Wednesday last The referee Mike Reed did

not spot the incident but Wednesday's manager David Pleat said he would report the hat-trick scorer Wright to Lancaster Gate. Yesterday the FA said: "Pleat has sent us a video of the match and a covering letter. We will be looking at it

and deciding if any action

needs to be taken."

# David Lacey on typical selection

problems for England's new coach

should have a more regular supply of bricks and mor-tar for the World Cup qualifler against Poland at Wem-

bley on Wednesday week.
Compared to the situa-tion Hoddle faced for his first game in Moldova at the start of the month, the squad he announces today should be more notable for familiar faces than absent friends. He has lost Steve Stone, out for the season at Nottingham Forest, and ready to resume interna-tional duties. ingham, and another Spurs McManaman's present

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COCA-COLA CUP

CHAMPIONS' LEAGUE

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Second-round, second leg

Preston (0) C

VITH only one match player Darren Anderton is gone Glenn Hoddle, playing like a groin operation waiting to happen, but coach, is having to fill in most of those declared unfit the cracks. At least he for Kishinev are, in theory.

ready to return.
They include Steve
McManaman and Bobbie Fowler, who pulled out last time with back injuries but have continued playing for Liverpool. Tony Adams and David Platt have resumed operations for Arsenal, and Steve Howey is back in Newcastle United's defence In addition Graeme Le Saux is on the mend for Blackburn but surely not

PONTINS LEAGUE: Presider Divisions Birmingham 0, Stoke 1; Leads 1, Blackburn 1, Tranmere 0, Everton 1 Finet Divisions 4, Stoke 1; Leads 1, Blackburn 1, Tranmere 0, Everton 1 Finet Divisions Carlisle 1, Burniey 0; Man City 2, Bernsley 1; Wresham 5, Shreesbury 1; York 3, Stokport 2, AVON INSURANCE COMMINATIONS First Divisions Brighton 3, Norwich 3, Cardiff 2, Milhwall 1: Chertifien 1, Swindon 4, FRIENDELY: Poland 1, UAE 0.

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Badminton

**Rugby Union** 

Rugby League

Tennis

form demands his recall, al- | but under Hoddle this may ed's David Beckham made a sound start against Mol-dova and will be hard to ignore. So much will depend on players not picking up further injuries over the weekend, always assuming they have survived the

European games.

If Hoddle suffers another rash of withdrawals, only to find the casualties continuing to appear for their clubs after the Poland natch, then the Football Association may well look further into the possibility of insisting that a player pulled out of the England team automatically misses his team's next Premiership fixture.

Both Platt and Adams ional duties.

McManaman's present their international careers

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Shett (Eng) bi B Close (Eng) 1398-954, O
Casaler (Eng) bi I Williamson (Eng)
1242-740; B Hammal (Eng) bi M Wildman
(Eng) 1980-915; A Kessuer (Ind) bi N Pakel
(Ind) 1900-959; D Josehi (Ind) bi A Agrawal
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Baseball

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though Manchester Unit- be easier said than done. Platt ought to be in today's squad but a place in the team will depend on the kind of function Hoddle believes he can fulfil in the new system. Adams, England's inspir-

wos that unlocked the back

With 19 minutes left Effen-

berg hit a post but three min-

utes later he made no mis-

take. Hochstatter's great turn

on the ball finding Juskowiak

free on the left of the area.

The Pole served up the ball on

a plate for his captain to

equalise.

ing captain in the European Championship, already knows that Hoddle prefers the more reserved leadership of Alan Shearer. His recall, moreover, will depend not only on the coach's view defence but the extent of the PA's sympathy towards Adams's recent revelation of alcoholism.

Adams has received Lan-caster Gate's backing in his fight against the bottle. But allowing a self-confessed alcoholic to be picked for a World Cup qualifier so

L Jalabert (Fr) ONCE at 1mm 10gec; 3, L Dufaux (Switz: Lotus 5.17; 4, R Pistore (It) MG-Technogym 7.12; 6, G Tostching (Aut) Poll 8.34; 6, T Rominger (Switz) Mages (B 8.51, 7, S Faustini (It) Als-Gipremme 9.09; 8 D Rebettin (It) Polit 9.42; 9, M Mauri (Sp) ONCE 10.32; 10, B Julich (US) Motorola 12.47.

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• Gorán Ivanisevic. Be second seed, led a parade of top players to humble out of the Swas indoor tenne champoneless when he loat in alreaghts sets to the Ger-man qualifier David Prinosit, in his first lournament since losing to Fete Sampres in the semi-finate of the US Open, heatise-vic went down 7-6, 5-4 to the 85m-ranked German.

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Thomas Engvist of Sweden was beaten by the French qualifier Others Detailine 6-1, 7-8 and the seventh seed Mark Pulippounds of Australia loct 6-1, 4-6, 7-5 to

Chess

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**Fixtures** 



McManaman . . . available

soon after mounting a cam-paign against the demon drink may be another matter altogether. In truth, Adams would be surprised to be recalled now.

 Half the 76,000 tickets have already been sold for the England-Poland game. "We haven't seen interest like this for a very long time." said a Wembley

# Thorn picked up by Rovers

RANMERE ROVERS last night signed the former Wimbledon defender Andy Thorn on a two-year contract. Rovers' player-manager John Aldridge brought in the 29-year-old as cover for John McGreal who is expected to be out for three months after undergoing ankle surgery.
Thorn, who will make his

debut at Norwich on Saturday, has recently finished a Leicester City are still try-ing to bring Jesper Blomqvist to Filbert Street. The man-ager Martin O'Neill has watched the Gothenburg striker twice but his chance of signing Blomqvist looked bleak when the player was told he had to see out his con tract with the Swedish cham pions. But the 21-year-old Swede becomes a free agent in December.

O'Neill said: "I'm keeping a close eye on the situation. I don't want to think it's dead and buried." Sheffield United's chairman

Mike McDonald has ordered the team to watch a re-run of the full 90 minutes it took for United to collapse to a 5-2 defeat against Stockport in the Coca-Cola Cup on Tuesday.

In a letter to the team captain Alan Kelly. McDonald Wrote: "I had to suffer

wrote: "I had to suffer through 90 minutes and the players must be expected to

do the same."

plug on BBC HE SCOTTISH football | the rights to the game "via an authorities will try to agent acting for the Latvian agent acting for the Latvish FA". He added: "We bought the rights in good faith, so if ing live Scotland's World Cup qualifying match against Latanyone is in trouble with

Although the game kicks off at 2pm British time, the Scot-tish FA and Scottish League both believe coverage would conflict with the full programme of matches in the Scottish First, Second and Third Divisions which is scheduled to start an hour

stop the BBC broa

ria in Riga on October 5.

Scots try to pull

The SFA is insisting that under Uefa rules there should be no live transmission of matches on a Saturday afternoon between 1pm and 6pm. It says it has had no request

to screen the Latvia match live and would block any attempt to do so. Peter Donald, the Scottish

League secretary, said: "It cannot be on live under article 14 of the Uefa rule book which does not permit screenings on Saturday after-noons. There is a full programme in the First, Second and Third Divisions and it would clearly not be in their interests if the national team

Uefa it will be the Latvian authorities who sold the rights.

"We believe it is a game the nation will want to see and we intend to screen it and the fixture against Estonia in Tallinn on the following Wednesday. We have done the deal for the Latvia match and have a Grandstand programme scheduled around it.
"As far as I am concerned

any problem there might be is football's. What about last night when Aston Villa were on live up against Coca-Cola Cup football in England and a First Division game in Scotland? We are into a free market in my view and what can they do to stop us?" The BBC was heavily criti-

cised for not showing live Scotland's opening World Cup qualifier, a goalless draw with Austria in Vienna last month. "That was down to budget."

said Abbott. "We have always said we will do international matches as and when we can were on television in opposition."

But Mike Abbott of BBC Scotland said it had bought in a service and Estonia is not the simplest exercise."

# Robson loosens grip on Nadal

Justin Webster

DOBBY ROBSON has left the door open for Man-chester United to increase their offer for Mignel Angel Nadal despite insisting that he is relying on the de-fender for his new-look Barcelona squad.

"My opinion is that the money we are getting from abroad is not right, so he stays," said Robson after Barcelona's final training session before the squad, including Nadal, left to face

the Cypriot team Larraca in the Cup Winners' Cup.
"Nadal is very important to us. Yes, he would suit Manchester United to a tee but we need him here with 60 games this season and a lot of pressure," he said. "But at the right money it's a different story."

Yesterday's Spanish press reported that United had raised their offer from £2.4 million to £3.5 million and claimed the deal would go through by the weekend. At Barcelona Robson is developing a system very dif-ferent from the one used by his predecessor Johan Cruyff and his priority is for a midfielder to play along side Josep Guardiola, a gap being filled by Gica Popesca. But after spending \$20 million on the striker Ronaldo, Barcelona are

thought to be in the bust-ness of raising money to sign that midfielder.

Nadal has made it clear that he wants to join United. "If it was up to me it would all be sold very quickly," he said. If Nadai plays in Larnaca tonight he would be cuptied for this season's Euro-

pean competitions.

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Olympic Games

RITISH athletes will be paid cash for medals in Sydney as medals: "Appropriate finding and their medals: "Appropriate finding and their medals."

nancial rewards to be of-fered for all medallists in

Sydney and Nagano, eg gold medal — £20,000."

This would be the first time such a scheme had op-erated for British athletes

and comes out of an infor-

mal consultation with ath-letes, coaches and adminis-

letes, coaches and adminis-trators during the 1996 is aimed at avoiding the em-

a response to their

poor showing in Atlanta, according to a British

Olympic Association docu-

ment released yesterday.

The document, a previously internal paper entitled "The BOA'S Athlete

Performance Strategy to 2000", outlines a 12-point plan which will be adopted

for the next four years.

ment released yesterday.

John Duncan on a BOA document revealing financial rewards up to £20,000 for successful competitors in Sydney and Nagano

However, the British letes struggling to make reward is less generous ends meet: Faul Palmer, the

than that of France, who

enjoyed a very successful

Games with 15 gold medals

to Britain's one. Their scale starts at £30,000 for gold,

£20,000 for silver and £15,000 for bronze.

plan include "lifestyle sup-port for agreed athletes dur-

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Other elements of the

# British athletes to get cash for medal wins

swimming silver medallist in the 400 metres freestyle,

funded himself by working in an Italian restaurant. There will also be a move towards offering cash to

governing bodies related to

The BOA is only a third of

an Ross

T WOULD take a brave man to forecast Liverpool becoming part of the seemingly popular British trend of teams slipping out of Europe, and perhaps an even braver one to predict that it will hap pen at Anfield tonight.

The days when the arrival on Merseyside of a team of

relative no-hopers was met with genuine fascination by the fans have long gone. A combination of financial reality and minnow-fatigue now makes for rather unappealing ties against all but the cream

As a result MyPa-47's night on the big stage of Anfield will almost certainly be played out against a backdrop of empty seats and yawning stewards.
The part-timers are simply

happy to be in Liverpool, which would suggest that they will readily concur with the idea that their Cup Winners' Cup adventure was effectively ended amid the fir trees of southern Finland a fortnight ago when a solitary Stig Bjornebye goal earned Liverpool a 1-0 first-leg

"We are just thrilled to be playing at such a famous stadium," said John Allen, My-Pa's Chester-born striker. "Liverpool were brilliant in the first game: I don't think they stepped up into top gear even once.

We all laughed when we heard they had crushed Chel-sea at the weekend. If they can stuff a team worth millions, what are they going to

dismal 1-0 home defeat by Brondby in the second round of the Uefa Cup is any

Liverpool's manager Roy Evans delivered a predictable warning against the danger of complacency while talking enthusiastically about jobs that need to be finished.

"The simple truth is there are no mugs left in Europe," he said. "They are all so well organised these days, not so much organised to beat you but organised to stop you

Evans is likely to resist the temptation to alter the composition of a side that has yet to lose this season, although his will be forced if Domi nic Matteo fails to recover

from a knee injury.
"Yes, I could make changes but I tend to go along with the old theory that suggests if it isn't broken it doesn't need mending," said Evans.

"It is not as if we are streets ahead; we got a reasonable result in Finland but they aren't going to come here and make it easy for us. We must have the right attitude, as if we were playing against a really top team."

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Back in step . . . the England squad, with Mike Catt to the fore, jump to it at Bisham Abbey

# Rugby Union

agers have discussed the lessons of Atlanta with the

review of Atlanta and put in a programme to deal with their problems in the space of four weeks but, be-

lasts half a day.

# Letter fails to heal rift strike threat

Paul Morgan

PETER WHEELER, one of the leading members of the English Professional Rugby Union Clubs, last night revealed that Tony Hallett's secret letter to Epruc had not bro-ken the deadlock between the clubs and Twickenham.

Yesterday The Guardian revealed that the Rugby Football Union secretary had written to Epruc, which represents England's top clubs, offering them an attractive financial pack-age to stay within the RFU. Part of the package was 10 per cent of gate revenue from Twickenham internationals for the clubs.

However, Epruc feels that Hallett's offer is still to be sanctioned by the RFU, and they fear it does not have the backing of the union's executive committee.

Wheeler, chief executive of Leicester, said: "Vitally it came directly from Hal-lett and didn't bave the au-thority of the RFU, which I imagine left Cliff Brittle [chairman of the executive

committee] very upset.
"The letter itself shows a change in attitude but the fact that it came from Hallett alone takes the sparkle iave contin plans to break away and to stay — it is not too late to stop us going."

Epruc is now demanding that the RFU puts together a negotiating team that can

make instant decisions. Wheeler added: "The issues aren't just about money; it is also about con-trol. Of course we want the RFU to talk to us but we need to meet the men in authority, although the letter does show some progress."

Dick Palmer, the BOA general secretary, reiterated his belief that one of the reasons for the Atlanta

"The only disappointing thing for me," said Kevin Hickey, the BOA technical director, "is that the Ger-mans have conducted a performance was money. "I believe we have fine reservoirs of pretty good young talent in this country," he

that is very difficult for to worry about their dole us." The BOA debrief is money or whether they likely to end by November. would get a training grant would get a training grant every 12 months."

Palmer also suggested that British success in Atlanta had been underplayed. "The British delegation was the smallest since Moscow in 1980, 24 per cent smaller than Barcelona, and the number the BOA is only a third of the programme to use the way through a more indepth debriefing of governing bodies and only six of the number of column bedies and only six of the number of column bedies and only six of the number of column bedies here, sourced, if they didn't have 1992," he said.

# New crisis at the Welfare Ground Newbridge

David Plummer

EWBRIDGE, who are bottom of the Welsh First Division, yesterday lost their en-tire coaching staff and face having to call off their match against Newport on Saturday because of a threatened players' strike over alleged nonpayment of wages.

rector Roger Powell has resigned after the club's poor start to the season. They won their opening game against Treorchy but then lost the next five, the last three by overwhelming margins which saw them concede 203 points

His coaching staff of three

— Keith James, Mike Gray
and Gary Lewis — followed
him, along with the fitness adviser Alan Rockcliffe, after a meeting with the club's committee. Two players, Nigel Meek and Leighton Phillips,

have been put in temporary They could have to wait for their first game because it is understood that the Newbridge squad is holding a meeting tonight to discuss what action to take over what they say has been a non-payment of wages by the club.

ally a whole team during the summer, are currently em-broiled in a dispute with Pontypridd over the fly-half Jason Strange, who has put in for a transfer. Strange's contention is that he is a free agent because, he claims, his contract was not honoured by Newbridge, but the Gwent club is demanding a £20,000 transfer fee from Pontypridd. The matter has been referred to the Welsh Rugby Union.

Orrell are prepared to take

over the former All Black Franc Botica to the courts. Both clubs are claiming rights to the player, who originally agreed to play rugby league for Castleford in the summer Super League and union with Orrell for the next

two winters. Now Orrell have placed the solicitor. Orrell's spokesman Geoff Lightfoot said: "If they get away with this, it will create a precedent that will be very damaging to the game as

Tony Daly, the prop who scored the winning try against England in the 1991 World Cup final, will make his debut for Saracens against London Irish on Saturday. Daly was not among Australia's 30-man squad announced yesterday for this autumn's sight-week tour of Europe. Five uncapped forwards are included.

Australia arrive in Italy on October 15 at the start of a tour which also includes Tests against Ireland, Scot-land and Wales. Australia are still hoping to include a Test against England, too.

The uncapped players are Andrew Blades, Mark Con-Kefu and Brett Robinson

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### Ferguson out to November

VERTON's problems worsened when they learned that their Scottish striker Duncan Ferguson is likely to be out for the next six weeks after a cartilage op-eration, writes Ion Ross. Ferguson will miss Scot-

land's World Cup qualifiers in Latvia and Estonia on October 5 and 9, and probably the home one against Sweden on November 10.

The Everton manager Joe Royle took the unusual step yesterday of making a public mance on Tuesday in the Coca-Cola Cup defeat by York City. "I would apologise for our current form but I would also ask our supporters to show patience," he said. Graeme Souness has stepped up his largely fruit-

less quest to sign new players. The Southampton manager has offered £1.3 million for Andre Flo — younger brother of Jostein — to the Norwegian First Division side SK Brann and £700,000 for Egil Osten-stad of Norway's Viking

Cilve Everton in Motherwell

PONNIE O'SULLIVAN rose early, ran five miles,

practised after a muesli breakfast and yesterday after-

noon beat the Welsh No. 1 Darren Morgan 5-3 to reach the quarter-finals of the Regal

Scottish Masters at the Civil

He led throughout and com-

pleted victory with a break of

104, the 102nd century of his

Having sweated off more

than three stone in the gym during the summer, the 20-

year-old O'Sullivan is not the

Professional career.

ENNOX LEWIS is ex-1 fence against Evander Holy-McCall for the WBC heavyweight championship at the London Arena on November 22, more than two years after losing the same title to the American inside two rounds at Wembley. Lewis's manager Frank Ma-

Boxing

loney yesterday flew to Mex-ico to bid for the match after the WBC called for purse offers for the meeting be-tween its top two challengers. The moves follow the WBA champion Mike Tyson's deci-sion to relinquish the WBC version rather than face Lewis as the two are signed to rival TV channels in the US. However, the American promoter Don King will also bid in the hope of staging the match in Las Vegas on the bill Angeles. His with Tyson's WBA title de to be named

O'Sullivan's lighter touch masters Morgan

father serving a life sentence,

the imprisonment of his mother for VAT offences was

He suffered five first-round

defeats and it was only after his mother's release in Febru-

ary that he started again to

address his game with proper intent. "The way I played last

season really hurt me," he says. "At times there was no effort." In late season he

struck up a valuable relation-

ship with Del Hill, who has

structured O'Sullivan's prac-tice and focused his

troubled young man of a year O'Sullivan was leaping when noon he plays the world No. 3 ago. Then, although he had he assaulted an assistant Peter Ebdon.

preparation.

nore than he could take.

field on November 9.

If Lewis takes the title, Ma-In Lewis takes the fitte, warloney believes a meeting with
Tyson could be in the offing.
"Mike Tyson wants to take
some easier routes," he said.
"One is Evander Holyfield, the second one is
Michael Monter [the IRF Michael Moorer [the IBF champion]. But maybe after that he'll realise that the public want to see him in a real fight and then he'll take on

Lennox Lewis, as long as Len-nox stays undefeated." • Tonga's Olympic superheavyweight silver medallist Paea Wolfgramm has turned for a first fight, under the temporary guidance of Riddick Bowe's trainer Eddie Futch, on December 3 in Los Angeles. His opponent has yet

championship. The official had told Hill to leave the

press room because he did not conform to the dress code for

visitors. O'Sullivan was fined £20,000 by the WPBSA.

O'Sullivan's run to the semi-

finals which enabled him to

finish the season eighth in the

rankings. He has already im-

proved that to a provisional

fourth by winning the Asian

of tournaments is what I en-

joy most. And that's why I'm

reparation. trying to do things properly, It was to Hill's defence that O'Sullivan says. This after

"Being at the business end

Classic earlier this month.

# Lewis in line for Lehman enjoys the Open capital title fight road beyond dull care

David Davies hears how success at Lytham banished a nightmare and gave the American, right, belief in himself



OM LEHMAN's abiding nightmare, before he won the Open Championship in July, was that his tombstone would read: "He couldn't win the big ones." Now that horror has been vanquished by the emphatic manner of his victory at Royal Lytham St Annes, Lehman no longer dreams bad

dreams.
"That win told me I'm a good player." he says. "Now I find myself concentrating on how good I can get, not how bad I can be. I've always lacked confidence and it has taken me a while to get com-fortable with each new level I have achieved.

"But now things have changed. I am not a guy who looks back; I like to look for-ward and I see that Open win as a stepping stone. I see my potential becoming greater and I'm setting new targets. After all, if I've won one major, why not five? I'd like to win all four of them at some stage.

Lehman spent years tour-ing the world to find events to play in. Each small step, from college golf to the mini-tours. from the mini-tours to the Hogan tour, from the Hogan to the US Tour, took ages to achieve and longer to cement.

He and his wife were once down to their last \$4,000 but gambled the lot on going to South Africa, where Lehman finished third in that country's Open and won \$25,000. But he believes the break through on the US Tour came in the spring of 1994, at the Augusta National Golf Club where he led the US Masters going into the final round "I'd never led a tournament on the Tour before, let alone a major, and all I could think before the start was 'Am I going to get sick all over myself? Will I embarrass myself in front of 30 million people?'
But I handled the pressure

well enough to be confident about the next time. He nearly won that time but on the 15th Jose Maria Olaza-bal holed from 30-40 feet for an eagle. "You know," says Lehman, "there are days when you know you are going hole is as big as a bucket, and okay.

to hole a putt, days when the that is how I felt about my putt on that hole." The American had a 15-footer for an eagle. "I knew it was going in. The crowd had gone mad when Olazabal holed his and all I could think about was the noise they were going to make when I holed mine."

But he missed it and col-

Open represents just one spin-off from his Open win. "I've been invited to tournaments in Morocco, to two in South Africa, to the World Match Play, the Dunhill Cup, the Grand Slam event in Hawaii and to an event in Australia next year. I'll play in some and not in others be-cause you have to be careful to flx your focus."

For him that is the US Tour, where there are Ryder Cup points to be made. Leh-man loves that event and his joy when he beat the ailing

lapsed to the ground in disbe-lief and disappointment. He

would have to wait two more years for his first major win.

Lehman is an intelligent man, at 37 a late developer, and the fact that he is playing

this week in the European

top singles match last year was evident. He would like to win here in Dublin as well, not least because some major championship winners never win anything again. But this is a strong European field and contains Colin Montgomerie and Ian Woosnam, who are contesting the fight to be No. 1 in Europe. The Scot leads by £140,000

but says: "Ian is good enough to win from the position he is in. But I'll probably have to help him because, if I play my own game and carry on as consistently as I've been doing this season, I should be

The defending champion Bernhard Langer has only two more chances to maintain his record of winning a tournament in each of the last 16 seasons on the European tour, "If I can strike the ball well enough I can win," he says. "It is my short game that has held me back.

# Sport in brief

# Tour leader Zülle runs into trouble

ALEX ZULLE, the Tour of Spain leader, and his ONCE teammates have been hit by a stomach upset that threatens to leave the event wide open with four days left to race. Despite their problems Zülle and his second-placed team-mate Laurent Jalapert held on to their positions in the overall classification after yesterday's 18th stage, from Cerler to Zaragoza, which was won by the Russian Dmitry Konyshev. Zülle leads Jalabert by 1min losec, with the third-placed Laurent Dufaux more than four minutes further back.

ONCE team officials have acknowledged the existence of a problem but said they had neither analysed it nor found its cause. Other teams are preparing to challenge ONCE's grip over the overall standings in today's and tomorrow's final mountain stages. "We'll test Zille early in Thursday's stage," said Miguel Moreno, manager of Dufaux's Lotus team.

# Warne to miss India tour

SHANE WARNE has been forced out of Australia's tour to India. while the captain Mark Taylor confirmed that he will lead the side. The leg-spinner's recovery has been slower than expected after surgery on a finger on his bowling hand.

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Warne has been replaced by South Australia's Peter McIntyre in the 14-man squad, which will play one Test against India as well as a one-day series on the six-week tour. The Australians fly out next Tuesday. Warne was ruled out after bowling in three one-day practice matches with the Victoria team in Darwin this week.

"Tm disappointed," he said. "At this stage I'm not confident with the way it's going; it's not 100 per cent."

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India's manager Sandeep Patil has been sacked and replaced by the former Test all-rounder Madan Lal. Patil took over after India's semi-final defeat by Sri Lanka in this year's World Cup but India lost the summer's three-match Test series 1–0 against England and fared modestly in three one-day tournaments in Singapore, Sharjah and Toronto.

# **Unhurt Lamy wrecks Minardi**

PEDRO LAMY, the Portuguese Formula One driver, escaped unharmed when he crashed and wrecked his Minardi-Ford while testing at Estoril. Lamy lost control of his car and slammed into the rails at a bend. Further testing at the circuit was halted until

# Law sailing towards semis

With only four races of the double round-robin to come in the World Championship of Match Racing at Dubrovnik, Britain's Chris Law is well on the way to a place in the knock-out semifinals, writes Bob Fisher. He has scored eight wins and six defeats and is in fourth place of the 10 selected skippers. He opened the day by losing to the defending champion Ed Baird of the United States but came back strongly in the next race to defeat the Dutch Olympic bronze medallist Roy Heiner. Law completed the day's racing by beating Bertrand Pace of France, the 1994 world

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# ENGLAND'S FINEST AT LAST ON SONG FOR EUROPE

Champions League: Group C Manchester United 2, Rapid Vienna 0

# United shoot down Rapid

David Lacey

ANCHESTER Uni-ANCHESTER United successfully shot the rapids at Old Trafford last night and for the moment things are going swimmingly for Alex Ferguson's team in the Champions League. Rapid Vienna turned out to

be Vapid Vienna, but an im-pressive first-half performance by Manchester United ent some way towards re-establishing their European credentials on the eve of their toth anniversary in Continental competitions. While United needed an em-

phatic victory last night to purge their memories of fin-ishing a poor second to Juventus in Turin a fortnight earlier, the reality of the situation was that any win would were the whole point of the The threat presented by

Rapid was not so much that they would end Manchester United's 40-year-old unbeaten home record in Europe but that they would join the lengthening list of foreign teams — seven in 13 matches - who had forced draws at Old Trafford in recent seasons. United had to beware of exposing themselves to the sort of sucker punch which had led to their defeat in the

Not that the Austrian champions had time to think of anything but self-defence as wave upon wave of Manchester United attacks swept over them from the outset. With Poborsky rather surprisingly retained from Turin, and Cruyff on the bench, United moved forward with pace and verve and quickly found gaps in the Vi-ennese defence.

United had five near-misses in the opening 12 minutes. Solskjær, set up first by Giggs and then by Cantona. sent one shot wide and another, weaker attempt went straight to Konsel, the Rapid

Giggs's corners were soon posing problems. From one of them Johnsen had a header saved by Konsel and from another, Cantona glanced the ball past the goalkeeper only to see Prosenik clear it off the line.

In between times a mistake by Lesiak had allowed Solskthe young Norwegian rather wasted the opportunity. allowing the Rapid goalkeeper to block his shot. Yet a goal for United, and Solskaer, was not far away.

After 20 minutes Beckham's pass out to Keane exposed Rapid on the right, the Irishman drove the ball low across the goalmouth and after Po-borsky had lunged at thin air Solskjaer came in at the far



It takes two to tangle . . . Roy Keane gets up to challenge Rapid's Andreas Heraf last night

With May on for Johnsen. United needed to keep their who had limped out of the match with a damaged ankle after all, lost European leads

gest that this was going to be another of those occasions. In piece of anticipation by Beck- score.

passing by Stöger, Beckham raced in to gain possession tempt. Konsel having blocked his first shot. Old Trafford roared its gratitude. This was more like a European night. With Cantona drifting into

space at will. Beckham now an even stronger influence than Keane, and Rapid still bewildered by sharp changes of pace and position, complacency was United's only real

They should have scored a third goal early in the second half, when Cantona and Poborsky worked a reverse scis-

"Apple had an unbelievable track record

of doing everything

wrong,

particularly in missing the

opportunity to license its

products. We

hard on fixing

but a decade

are working

that today,

later than

we should

Gil Amelio,

Online

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have done."

Apple's new boss

Last night, however, the sors movement to send in rapid disintegration of the Solskjaer, but he was starting Austrian defence did not sug to miss the target again and wafted the ball over the bar. Later he headed wide when it the 26th minute an assute would have been easier to

clined to pursue goals with the ferocity of the first half. They reduced the tempo but still kept possession and were always likely to create chances at their leisure. For Rapid the evening had ecome a damage-limitation

exercise. Wagner, their lone

striker, eventually gave way to Stumpf. Mozart would have been a better bet.

Referent R Harrel (France).

# A ruthless and inhuman end to sunlit days



Frank Keating

N NO other morning of the year is one's erie, doodling in the day's starting-stalls, more ruminatively drawn out than when the first-class averages are published. They pull down the currain on the sunlit days.

They are a starkly ruthless inhuman, set of figures. They tell. I suppose, of a general truth: but they are embellished with no tall tales, no mitigation, no missed catches no bum decisions, no unlucky run-outs, no bad light, no bold near-sixers which just drop short, no stonewalling defiance. Just the stats, and nothing but the stats.

There were two summer tours and it is nicely courteous that Englishmen allowed an Indian shining with promise to top the batting and a Pakistani ditto the bowling. The young man who sounds like a Boy Scout campfire lyric, S Ganguly, led with the willow - just 14 innings, average 95. three 100s, four 50s and even our mighty, ancient Gooch (av. 67, eight 100s, six 50s) had to doff his hairpiece.

Pakistan's other Mushtaq, Saglain, headed the list of those who bowled more than 100 overs. In the top ten such bowlers only Mark Ealham (sixth), Phil Tufnell (ninth) and Darren Gough (tenth) were native sons of the soil and toil. Tufnell bowled by far the most maidens (273), and Courtney Walsh, as a bat, logged the most not-outs. In 24 innings, Andy Afford managed 34 runs. In his career, in 166 innings he is still quite a

few short of 400. With the Olympics rowdily well, there was little time per-sonally to chew a long grass. sip some cider and cock an lazy ear at the clunk of bat on ball. In Atlanta some determined Brits, boffins with the radio, picked up Test Match Special's ball-by-ball cover-

age, which kept us sane. It needed to. The hysterical one-nation jingoism of the American broadcasters got all our goats. It couldn't happen at home, we thought — but then came last week's Solheim Cup on Radio 5, and a lamentably nationalistic tour de force. By Sunday's final day, surely half the country's lis-

At one stage Tuny Adamson excitedly apologised: "When I talk of the European girls, I really must stop saying 'us' and 'we', but I just can't help it." Next bulletin there was yet another spasmic ejaculation of "us" and "we". It is the same at the Ryder Cup. Are they reporters or simply infu-riatingly frenzied cheer-

leaders? Or is it policy?
The BBC's two cricket teams do not counterance such flag-waving bluster and chauvinist bombast. And both opour the foe.

Was it just the relief of hearing them in Atlanta a few times, crackling through the static from Lord's and Trent Bridge, or has radio's Test Match Special triumphantly regrouped this summer and rediscovered its compelling appeal? (Except, that is, for those Radio 4 devotees who must retune from longwave to the non-cricket programmes on FM, which in some parts of the country is effectively impossible.)

HERE is a rumour that some hear Trevor Bai-ley and Fred Trueman as archaic carlcatures. Nonsense, never let them go, they are the link with the past To hear FST's growling mann-derings of despair at today's youth takes decades off any-

One day this summer True man grumped: "There just aren't any real stors any more, not like in my day . When Frindall or somebody quietly butted in to point out the career bowling figures and strike-rates of, respectively, Waqar, Wasim and Mushtaq, Fred just grunted in defiant disbelief.

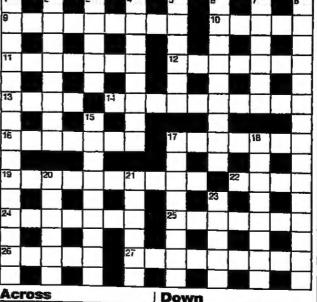
In fairness TMS had to readjust, almost reinvent itself, after the death nearly two years ago of its fulcrum Brian Johnston. With Christopher Martin-Jenkins superbas the reporter and Jonathan Agnew as the enthusiast, has not Henry Blofeld with his singudently assumed some of the unabashed character, colours and textures of Johnston?

You can almost hear the bow-tie and the flamboyant waistcoat, as much as you can see the "rather good-looking double-decker" easing down the Harleyford Road or the "rather thoughtful pigeon gliding past the box". And

Blowers knows his stuff. Peter Baxter's last county report from a bleak Oval on Sunday said: "It is now so dark here that even Blofeld could not spot an aeroplane." The End. Now, for seven and a-half long months, back to the studio.

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